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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2                   **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2011 ON PAGE 182.]**

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6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. GOING TO CALL THE  
7 MEETING TO ORDER. LET ME ASK EVERYONE TO RISE FOR THE  
8 INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL  
9 BE LED BY THE REVEREND KATHY COOPER-LEDESMA OF THE HOLLYWOOD  
10 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN HOLLYWOOD. AND THE PLEDGE OF  
11 ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY REX SULLIVAN, COMMANDER OF THE SUGAR  
12 RAY ROBINSON POST 209 OF THE LOS ANGELES BRANCH OF THE  
13 AMERICAN LEGION.

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15   **REV. KATHY COOPER-LEDESMA:** I INVITE YOU TO BE IN AN ATTITUDE  
16 OF PRAYER. CREATOR GOD, WHOSE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS AND  
17 THE DARKNESS SHALL NOT OVERTAKE IT, WE OFFER PRAYERS THIS DAY  
18 FOR ALL YOUR PEOPLE. WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE MANY AND SOMETIMES  
19 OVERWHELMING NEEDS OF OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS HERE IN LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY. FOR THOSE THAT ARE HUNGRY, MAY WE OFFER BREAD.  
21 FOR THOSE THAT ARE HOMELESS MAY WE OFFER HOUSING FIRST. FOR  
22 THOSE THAT ARE UNEMPLOYED, MAY WE OFFER A SAFETY NET AS WELL  
23 AS HOPE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW. FOR THOSE THAT ARE LONELY, MAY  
24 WE OFFER OUR HANDS AND HEARTS. FOR THOSE THAT ARE SICK, MAY WE  
25 OFFER HEALING AND WHOLENESS. WE ESPECIALLY REMEMBER IN PRAYER



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1 THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN LIVING WITH H.I.V. AND AIDS WHO  
2 RECEIVE HEALTH CARE AT OUR L.A. COUNTY U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER.  
3 MAY THEIR TREATMENT STRENGTHEN THEIR BODIES AND SOULS EVEN AS  
4 WE PRAY FOR A CURE. WE ASK YOUR BLESSING ON OUR ELECTED  
5 OFFICIALS THIS DAY THAT THEY MIGHT CONTINUE TO SEEK CREATIVE  
6 SOLUTIONS TO THESE NEEDS AND THOSE NOT NAMED. MAY WE SUPPORT  
7 THEIR EFFORTS TO CREATE A SOCIETY IN WHICH CARING FOR THE  
8 LEAST AND THE LOST IS THE PLUMB LINE BY WHICH ALL LEGISLATION  
9 IS MEASURED. BY YOUR GRACE, TRANSFORM OUR PRAYERS FROM WORDS  
10 TO DEEDS THAT WE MAY LIVE IN HARMONY WITH OTHERS, COMMITTED TO  
11 PEACE AND JUSTICE AND IN FREEDOM FROM ALL THAT DIVIDES US. IN  
12 THE NAME OF ALL THAT IS HOLY WE PRAY, AMEN.

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14 **REX SULLIVAN:** (PLEDGE RECITED)

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WERE LED IN  
17 THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING BY THE REVEREND KATHY COOPER-  
18 LEDESMA, WHO IS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF HOLLYWOOD UNITED  
19 METHODIST CHURCH AND IS A RECIPIENT OF THE BOUTILIER AWARD FOR  
20 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE FROM THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ECUMENICAL  
21 COUNCIL. THE REVEREND COOPER-LEDESMA HAS SERVED ON MANY  
22 BOARDS, INCLUDING THE THE WALL/LAS MEMORIAS PROJECT IN LINCOLN  
23 HEIGHTS FOR H.I.V.-AIDS VICTIMS. OUR FAITH MATTERS, AN  
24 INTERFAITH ADVISORY GROUP FOR THE HOMELESS, L.A.U.S.D.'S  
25 H.I.V.-AIDS EDUCATION AND PREVENTION UNIT, THE COUNTY'S BLUE





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1 RIBBON PANEL ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS, THE SAFE SURRENDER  
2 TASKFORCE AND THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES. REVEREND  
3 COOPER-LEDESMA RESIDES IN LOS ANGELES WITH HER FAMILY. AND AS  
4 YOU CAN SEE SHE HAS A VERY REAL RELEVANT RELIGIOUS  
5 ORGANIZATION IN THE HOLLYWOOD METHODIST CHURCH. WE APPRECIATE  
6 ALL THE PARTNERSHIP WE'VE HAD WITH YOU AND WISH YOU A MERRY  
7 CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
8 THOMAS?

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE THANK YOU AND WE TAKE  
11 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH APPRECIATION REX  
12 SULLIVAN, WHO HAS SERVED AS A CORPORAL IN THE 82ND AIRBORNE  
13 DIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1956 UNTIL 1960. HE  
14 RECEIVED A GOLD MEDAL, A GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL AND A NATIONAL  
15 DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE IS CURRENTLY A COMMANDER WITH THE  
16 AMERICAN LEGION, SUGAR RAY ROBINSON POST, NO. 209 IN LOS  
17 ANGELES. HE IS A RETIRED MERCHANT MARINE. HE HAS LIVED IN THE  
18 SECOND DISTRICT FOR SOME 60 YEARS AND HAS BEEN MARRIED TO HIS  
19 WIFE, BETTY, FOR 52 YEARS. PLEASE WELCOME WITH APPRECIATION  
20 REX SULLIVAN. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BOARD SECRETARY, CALL  
23 THE AGENDA

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
2 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE  
3 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM NO.  
4 1-D, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
5 THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL  
6 PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEMS 1-P THROUGH 3-P, ON THESE  
7 ITEMS THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC OR MEMBERS  
8 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL OF THEM?

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. ON PAGE 7, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS  
13 1 THROUGH 11. ON ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF  
14 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR  
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ACTUALLY ON THIS  
16 ITEM, IF WE COULD HOLD THIS ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING.  
17 ON ITEM NO. 6, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
18 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 7, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A  
19 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM  
20 NO. 8, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
21 THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECOND BY  
25 KNABE. BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 12, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 12  
3 THROUGH 51. ON ITEM NO. 12, THIS SHOULD BE A THREE-VOTE ITEM,  
4 NOT A FOUR-VOTE ITEM. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR  
5 YAROSLAVSKY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
6 REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 13, SUPERVISOR  
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
8 AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON  
9 ITEM NO. 15, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO  
10 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 17, AND ON ITEM NOS. 19 AND 21,  
11 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
12 THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 23 AND ITEM NO. 25, THERE'S ALSO A  
13 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
14 NO. 26, THE REVISED RECOMMENDATION WAS INCLUDED ON THE  
15 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
16 REQUESTS THAT IT BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 27, AS INDICATED ON THE  
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND  
18 FAMILY SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE  
19 WEEKS TO JANUARY 10, 2012. ON ITEM NO. 31, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
20 THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE  
21 HELD. 31. ON ITEM NO. 32 AND 33, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
22 MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM  
23 NO. 35, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
24 THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 45, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF





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1 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER  
2 THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY  
5 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 30, DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 52  
8 THROUGH 54. ON ITEMS NO. 52 AND 53, AS INDICATED ON THE  
9 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT  
10 THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 17, 2012. AND ALSO THERE'S  
11 EITHER A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
12 HOLD THE ITEMS.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, WE WILL CONTINUE IT. BUT  
15 WE'LL HOLD IT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 54, AS INDICATED ON THE  
18 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
19 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 17, 2012. AND ALSO THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
20 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO  
21 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
22 MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 55-A IS  
23 BEFORE YOU.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HANG ON ONE SECOND. 55-A IS MOVED  
2   BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
3   VOTE.

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5   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 55-B, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
6   MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 55-C,  
7   SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST  
8   THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 55-D IS BEFORE YOU.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED  
11   BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 55-E IS BEFORE YOU.

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15   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY  
16   RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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18   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 55-F, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
19   AND SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE  
20   32, ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS FOR FURTHER  
21   DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THIS BOARD, ON ITEM NO. A-6,  
22   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON PAGE  
23   34, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEMS NO. CS-4 AND CS-5, AS  
24   INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS  
25   THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 17, 2012.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE  
3 ORDER.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND I APOLOGIZE. ON ITEM NO. 43, THAT WAS A  
6 FOUR-VOTE -- WE DID HAVE FOUR VOTES, NEVER MIND. AND SO THAT  
7 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
8 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL NO. 3.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE'RE HONORED  
11 THIS MORNING TO WELCOME AND INTRODUCE THE HONORABLE AHMED  
12 JEWAD, THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF IRAQ, TO LOS ANGELES. CONSUL  
13 GENERAL JEWAD JOINED THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN 1979  
14 AFTER EARNING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND  
15 ADMINISTRATION FROM BAGHDAD UNIVERSITY. HE HAS SERVED IN  
16 NUMEROUS POSTS AT THE MINISTRY. HIS FOREIGN ASSIGNMENTS  
17 INCLUDE POSTINGS TO THE EMBASSY IN QATAR AND IN MOSCOW. HE HAS  
18 ALSO HEADED NUMEROUS OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS TO THE UNITED  
19 NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND TO OTHER U.N. AGENCIES. HE  
20 ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES TO HEAD THE NEW CONSULATE OF IRAQ LAST  
21 OCTOBER, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE. HE IS HERE TODAY WITH  
22 MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
23 AND THE MORE THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
24 ANGELES, I WANT TO EXTEND TO YOU A WARM WELCOME, CONSUL  
25 GENERAL JEWAD, TO OUR CITY AND COUNTY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO



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1    ENHANCING THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS  
2    COUNTY ALREADY SHARE WITH THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ. AND WE WISH YOU  
3    WELL IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD. WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5    **HON. AHMED JEWAD:** THANKS INDEED. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO  
6    THANK MR. YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAIRMAN OF SUPERVISOR BOARD OF  
7    COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND MISS MOLINA AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
8    MR. KNABE, AND MR. ANTONOVICH FOR RECEIVING ME IN A VERY SHORT  
9    TIME FROM MY ARRIVAL. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE  
10   GOVERNMENTS OF UNITED STATES AND ALSO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED  
11   STATES FOR SUPPORTING THE IRAQI PEOPLE IN REACHING TO THE PATH  
12   OF DEMOCRACY. AND ACTUALLY WE HAVE SUFFERED A LOT AND  
13   SACRIFICED A LOT. AND WE HAVE GIVEN A LOT OF LOSS. BUT WITH  
14   YOU, WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WITH YOUR MOTIVE, WE WOULD LIKE TO  
15   REALLY THANK YOU FOR HELPING US, FOR HELPING THE IRAQI PEOPLE  
16   TO GET INTO THE TUNNEL AND TO SEE REAL DEMOCRACY IN THE AREA.  
17   THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO ASK TRACY WESTEN AND  
20   ROBERT STERN TO JOIN ME HERE? MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TODAY I'M  
21   PRESENTING SCROLLS TO ROBERT STERN, WHO IS THE FORMER  
22   PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR -- I'M SORRY, RESPECTIVELY TO  
23   PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE, THE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES,  
24   A GOOD GOVERNMENT THINK TANK AND ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION THAT  
25   CLOSED ITS DOORS THIS FALL AFTER 28 YEARS OF OPERATION. ALONG



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1 WITH TRACY WESTEN, I SHOULD HAVE ADDED. BOB STERN IS ONE OF  
2 OUR CONSTITUENTS IN THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT, A FORMER  
3 STAFF ATTORNEY FOR THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE'S ASSEMBLY  
4 ELECTIONS COMMITTEE, ELECTIONS COUNSEL TO THE CALIFORNIA  
5 SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, PRINCIPAL COAUTHOR OF THE  
6 CALIFORNIA'S LANDMARK 1974 POLITICAL REFORM ACT. PRINCIPAL  
7 DRAFTER OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES ETHICS AND PUBLIC CAMPAIGN  
8 FINANCING LAWS IN 1990 AND FIRST GENERAL COUNSEL OF  
9 CALIFORNIA'S FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION. TRACY WESTEN  
10 IS AN ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATIONS LAW AND POLICY AT  
11 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND ANNENBERG SCHOOL FOR  
12 COMMUNICATION AND JOURNALISM, A FOUNDING MEMBER AND THE  
13 CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE MUNICIPAL ACCESS POLICY BOARD FOR LOS  
14 ANGELES CHANNEL 35. FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR THE CONSUMER  
15 PROTECTION AT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION. DIRECTOR OF THE  
16 COMMUNICATIONS LAW PROGRAM AT U.C.L.A. SCHOOL OF LAW, AND  
17 LEGAL ASSISTANT TO COMMISSIONER NICHOLAS JOHNSON AT THE  
18 FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. UNDER BOB STERN'S AND TRACY  
19 WESTEN'S LEADERSHIP, THE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES --  
20 THE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES MAINTAINED AN  
21 EXTRAORDINARY REPUTATION FOR HONESTY AND THOUGHTFUL,  
22 SOPHISTICATED ANALYSIS OF CAMPAIGN AND POLITICAL REFORM  
23 ISSUES. THE GO-TO GUYS FOR POLITICAL PROFESSIONALS,  
24 JOURNALISTS AND ACADEMICS. THEIR PRESENCE AND THE C.G.S.'S  
25 PRESENCE IN LOS ANGELES AND IN CALIFORNIA IN GENERAL WILL BE



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1 SORELY MISSED BY MOST OF US MOST OF THE TIME. [LAUGHTER.] BUT  
2 BOTH OF YOU HAVE MADE YOUR MARK, AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE --  
3 SHHH. MAY WE PLEASE HAVE CONVERSATIONS? BOTH OF YOU HAVE MADE  
4 AN INDELIBLE MARK ON THE LEVEL OF ETHICS AND INTEGRITY IN OUR  
5 POLITICAL SYSTEM. IT'S CERTAINLY NOT PERFECT. IT'S FAR FROM  
6 IT, BUT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FAR WORSE BUT FOR THE CENTER FOR  
7 GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES' EFFORTS AND BOTH OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY AND  
8 COLLECTIVELY BEING THE WATCH DOGS FOR THE PUBLIC OVER ALL OF  
9 US WHO ARE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR. SO WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS  
10 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT YOU WITH THESE PROCLAMATIONS. THIS IS  
11 PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME ALL FIVE OF US HAVE AGREED ON ANYTHING  
12 YOU'VE DONE -- [LAUGHTER.] -- IN YOUR CAREERS, BUT WE COULD  
13 ALL AGREE THAT WE ARE HAPPY YOU RETIRED. [LAUGHTER.] BUT WE'RE  
14 NOT HAPPY. [LAUGHTER.] WE'RE NOT HAPPY YOU RETIRED.  
15 CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU AND I'D LIKE TO  
16 ASK IF YOU'D SAY A WORD OR TWO. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **ROBERT STERN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD  
19 AND PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND ALSO JOEL  
20 BELLMAN OF HIS STAFF FOR INVITING US FOR THIS HONOR TODAY. I  
21 WAS ASKED TO COME TO LOS ANGELES IN 1983 BY MY COLLEAGUE TRACY  
22 WESTEN. HE TOLD ME HE COULD ONLY GUARANTEE A ONE-YEAR JOB, SO  
23 WE DIDN'T SELL OUR HOUSE IN SACRAMENTO. FINALLY IN THE YEAR  
24 2000, 17 YEARS LATER, JOAN AND I, MY WIFE, DECIDED PERHAPS  
25 THIS WAS A PERMANENT GIG, AND WE SOLD OUR HOUSE. TRACEY'S ONE





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1 OF THE MOST REMARKABLE PEOPLE I HAVE EVER WORKED WITH. AND  
2 PAST BOSSES OF MINE INCLUDE HENRY WAXMAN, WHETHER HE'S WORKING  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE, AND JERRY BROWN, SECRETARY OF STATE. SO  
4 TRACY'S IN GREAT COMPANY. WE HAD A FABULOUS STAFF AT C.G.S.  
5 SOME OF OUR STAFF ARE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY. WE HAD A  
6 TERRIFIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH TWO VERY HARD WORKING CHAIRS,  
7 ROCKO SICILIANO, WHO CAN'T BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF A FAMILY  
8 COMMITMENT, AND STEVEN ROUNTREE, WHO IS HERE WHO IS ALWAYS  
9 AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION. I'VE HAD A WONDERFUL AND  
10 SUPPORTIVE FAMILY WHO DIDN'T COMPLAIN WHEN WE MADE THE MOVE TO  
11 LOS ANGELES. MY WIFE JOAN WORKED AT THE GETTY VILLA, U.C.L.A.,  
12 TAUGHT FRENCH AND NOW IS A FULL-TIME POET. SHE TRULY IS A  
13 RENAISSANCE WOMAN. AND SON RYAN IS A SOUND ENGINEER AT DISNEY  
14 STUDIOS AND IS A HIGH- SPEED TRAIN ADVOCATE. AND HE PRACTICES  
15 WHAT HE PREACHES, HE TAKES THE TRAIN FROM DOWNTOWN L.A. TO  
16 BURBANK EVERY DAY. SOMEONE ONCE TOLD ME THAT I WAS VERY LUCKY  
17 TO BE PAID FOR WHAT I LOVE TO DO AND HE WAS RIGHT. MY GOAL  
18 STARTING IN 1971 WAS TO WORK FOR THE LEGISLATURE AND THEN  
19 SECRETARY OF STATE AND FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION AND  
20 FINALLY WITH C.G.S. IS MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE TRANSPARENT AND TO  
21 INCREASE CONFIDENCE IN THE POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENTAL  
22 PROCESSES. WHILE I SUCCEEDED IN THE FORMER, CLEARLY WE HAVE A  
23 LONG WAYS TO GO TO INSPIRE PRIDE IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS.  
24 BUT MY WIFE CALLS ME THE SISYPHUS OF REFORM. SO I'M NOT GOING



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1 AWAY UNTIL I PUSH THE ROCK UP TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN.

2 THANKS AGAIN FOR THIS GREAT HONOR. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **TRACY WESTEN:** WHEN I FOUNDED CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES  
5 28 YEARS AGO IN 1983, I DID SO WITH THE REALIZATION THAT  
6 DEMOCRACY DOES NOT OFTEN INVEST IN ITSELF. REFORM IS OFTEN A  
7 DIALOGUE BETWEEN CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, THINK  
8 TANKS LIKE CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES, AND MANY OTHERS.  
9 IT'S AN EVOLVING PROCESS. AND OVER THE YEARS, I THINK WE HAD  
10 MANY SUCCESSES AND SOME LACK OF SUCCESSES. I'M REMINDED OF A  
11 COMMENT THAT MY TORTS PROFESSOR MADE IN LAW SCHOOL WHEN WE IN  
12 SOME IRRITATION BY BEING QUIZZED BY HIM ALL THE TIME SUDDENLY  
13 SAID, "WELL HOW MANY CASES DID YOU WIN?" AND HE SAID, "WELL, I  
14 STARTED BY LOSING CASES I SHOULD HAVE WON AND I ENDED BY  
15 WINNING CASES I SHOULD HAVE LOST." AND I THINK THE CENTER FOR  
16 GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES HAS A SIMILAR RECORD. WE'VE ADVOCATED  
17 CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORMS THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED ALL OVER  
18 CALIFORNIA AND IN OTHER STATES. REDISTRICTING REFORMS THAT  
19 HAVE BEEN ADOPTED IN CALIFORNIA. SOFTENING OF TERM LIMITS,  
20 WHICH ARE ON THE BALLOT IN 2012. BALLOT MEASURE REFORMS, SOME  
21 OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED. AND WE ALSO PIONEERED, I THINK,  
22 THE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES TO ENGAGE CITIZENS. WE BUILT  
23 THE FIRST ONLINE SOURCE OF CANDIDATE DEBATE AND VOTER  
24 ENGAGEMENT CALLED THE DEMOCRACY NETWORK. AND IN FACT  
25 SUPERVISOR MOLINA KINDLY PARTICIPATED IN THE DEMO AND



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1 VIDEOTAPED SHORT STATEMENTS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH. AND THAT  
2 DEMO WAS SHOWN ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND  
3 FINALLY ON C-SPAN. SO WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. WE ALSO BUILT THE  
4 CALIFORNIA CHANNEL, WHICH IS THE C-SPAN FOR THE STATE. AND  
5 THAT SERVED AS A MODEL WHICH HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY MANY OTHER  
6 CITIES, COUNTIES AND STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SO WE'RE  
7 PLEASED WITH OUR SUCCESSES. WE'RE SORRY WE HAD TO CLOSE OUR  
8 DOORS. OUR FUNDING RAN OUT. NOT MUCH WE COULD DO ABOUT THAT.  
9 BUT BOB AND I AND THE STAFF, VERY TALENTED STAFF, WILL  
10 CONTINUE TO WORK IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST IN NEW WAYS. AND WE  
11 GREATLY APPRECIATE THIS HONOR. IT'S PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO  
12 US BECAUSE IT COMES FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ITS MEMBERS  
13 HAVE ALSO DEDICATED THEIR CAREERS TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST. SO  
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. [APPLAUSE.]  
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S  
18 MY PRIVILEGE TO ASK SUPERVISOR MOLINA TO JOIN ME IN THIS  
19 PRESENTATION. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INVITE CHRIS AIHARA TO JOIN  
20 US. SHE IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN  
21 CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTER AND WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND  
22 CELEBRATE AN OUTSTANDING, ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE CAREER OF  
23 SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY. AFTER WORKING IN THAT  
24 J.A.C.C.C. FOR OVER 20 YEARS, CHRIS LEFT IN 2004 TO BECOME THE  
25 DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE EARL BURNS MILLER JAPANESE



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1 GARDENS AT CAL STATE LONG BEACH. SHE RETURNED TO THE CULTURAL  
2 CENTER IN 2006 TO SERVE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. SINCE JOINING  
3 BACK IN 1982, CHRIS PARTICIPATED IN THE OPENING OF THE ARITANI  
4 JAPAN AMERICAN THEATER, SAW THE COMPLETION OF THE J.A.C.C.C.  
5 PLAZA, AND ALSO DURING HER TENURE AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THEY  
6 RESTORED THEIR AWARD-WINNING JAMES IRVINE JAPANESE GARDEN AND  
7 ESTABLISHED THE PLAZA AS AN EVENT SPACE FOR VARIOUS COMMUNITY  
8 EVENTS AND FESTIVALS. EARLIER THIS YEAR, J.A.C.C.C. ORGANIZED  
9 A COMMUNITY GATHERING AND INTERFAITH SERVICE FOR THE JAPAN  
10 EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS. SHE HAS SERVED AS CHAIR OF THE LITTLE  
11 TOKYO COMMUNITY COUNCIL. SHE'S STILL LOBBYING ON THEIR BEHALF.  
12 SHE IS ON THE LITTLE TOKYO COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR  
13 THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, A MEMBER OF THE  
14 CALIFORNIA JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL, AND  
15 HAS SERVED ON THE TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION FOR SIX  
16 YEARS. SO IT'S OUR HONOR TO RECOGNIZE CHRIS FOR HER MANY  
17 ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF HER OWN COMMUNITY, BUT IT'S  
18 REALLY ON BEHALF OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
19 THAT WE'RE DEEPLY GRATEFUL AND WISH HER THE VERY, VERY BEST.  
20 [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO JOIN WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE IN  
23 CONGRATULATING CHRIS FOR ALL THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP THAT  
24 SHE HAS PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY THE  
25 LEADERSHIP THAT SHE'S PROVIDED IN THE LITTLE TOKYO COMMUNITY



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1 AND JAPANESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, BUT THROUGHOUT IN CULTURAL  
2 AFFAIRS. SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION, HER WORK AND ALL  
3 OF HER SUCCESSES. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP.

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5 **CHRIS AIHARA:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS KNABE AND  
6 MOLINA. THIS IS REALLY A GREAT HONOR FOR ME. IT IS NOT ALWAYS  
7 OFTEN THAT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO IN THE  
8 COMMUNITY. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M VERY PROUD TO BE A  
9 CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTY. AND I WORK IN LITTLE TOKYO. SO I FEEL  
10 THAT THIS RECOGNITION IS NOT JUST FOR ME OR FOR MY  
11 ORGANIZATION, THE JAPANESE AMERICAN CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTER,  
12 BUT I THINK IT'S ALSO RECOGNITION OF THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE  
13 OF LITTLE TOKYO. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS OF  
14 BEING, LIVING AND WORKING IN LOS ANGELES IS THE GREAT  
15 DIVERSITY. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY PLACE ELSE LIKE IT. I'M  
16 VERY PROUD TO WORK IN THIS COMMUNITY. AND I LOOK FORWARD --  
17 I'M NOT RETIRING. I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK TO MAKE  
18 OUR CITY EVEN A BETTER PLACE THAN IT IS NOW. SO THANK YOU VERY  
19 MUCH FOR THE RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST WE WANT TO BRING UP IFANG IVAN CHEN,  
24 WHO HAS SERVED AS THE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ATTACHE FOR THE  
25 REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S TAIPEI ECONOMIC CULTURAL OFFICE IN LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY SINCE 2006. HE RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE  
2 IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH THE NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY IN  
3 TAIPEI AND THEN HIS MASTER'S WAS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM  
4 THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS. DURING HIS TIME AS THE CHIEF  
5 ATTACHE, HE ORGANIZED AND LED THE VARIOUS DELEGATIONS OF  
6 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS TO VISIT TAIWAN AND ACQUIRED  
7 GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS  
8 ANGELES CHINESE STUDIES CENTER AND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN  
9 CALIFORNIA INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CENTER TO PROMOTE THE  
10 UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE REPUBLIC OF  
11 CHINA AND TAIWAN.

12  
13 **IVAN IFANG CHEN:** HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS AND MR.  
14 ANTONOVICH PARTICULARLY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY GREAT  
15 PLEASURE AND AM PROFOUND PROUD TO ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION  
16 FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. HAVING BEEN POSTED HERE FOR 6-  
17 1/2 YEARS I HAVE MADE A LOT OF FRIENDS OVER HERE AND I HAVE  
18 FOND MEMORIES OVER HERE, TOO, IN LOS ANGELES. AND AS YOU CAN  
19 TELL, MY FAMILY STAND NEXT TO ME. THEY ALSO LIKE LOS ANGELES  
20 VERY MUCH. SO ALTHOUGH I'M GOING TO LEAVE LOS ANGELES NEXT  
21 MONTH, STILL I THINK I LEFT MY HEART IN LOS ANGELES. I LOVE  
22 YOU, LOS ANGELES. AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU.

23 [APPLAUSE.]





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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP ROBERT KETCH,  
2   WHO SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FIVE ACRES, THE BOYS  
3   AND GIRLS AID SOCIETY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE PAST 35  
4   YEARS. FIVE ACRES AS A CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY THAT  
5   STRENGTHENS FAMILIES AND PREVENTS CHILD ABUSE THROUGH  
6   TREATMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY-BASED AND  
7   RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMMINGS. BOB HAS BECOME THE -- BECAME THE  
8   EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BACK IN 1984 AFTER SERVING AS FIVE ACRES'  
9   DIRECTOR OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR SEVEN YEARS. HE'S BEEN  
10   INSTRUMENTAL IN EXPANDING AND INTENSIFYING THE AGENCY'S  
11   RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT GROUP HOMES, THERAPEUTIC SCHOOL, FOSTER  
12   CARE AND ADOPTION PROGRAMS. HE ALSO SERVED AS -- I SHOULD SAY  
13   CREATED FIVE ACRES' FIRST FAMILY-BASED SERVICES TO HELP AT-  
14   RISK FAMILIES TO STAY TOGETHER. AND THAT INCLUDED SCHOOL-  
15   BASED, HOME-BASED, DEAF SERVICES, ADOPTIONS, ADOPTIONS  
16   PROMOTION, AND SUPPORT SERVICES, THERAPEUTIC BEHAVIORAL  
17   SERVICES, INDEPENDENT LIVING, WRAP-AROUND AND FAMILY  
18   PRESERVATION. HIS PAST EXPERIENCE INCLUDES SIX YEARS AS A  
19   PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER AT A NONPROFIT RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
20   CENTER AND OUTPATIENT NOW CALLED DELOITTE OF AIMS SERVICE  
21   CENTER, LUTHERAN SCHOOL SERVICES, SOCIAL SERVICES OF IOWA. A  
22   LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER, HE RECEIVED HIS MASTER'S  
23   DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM TULANE UNIVERSITY IN NEW ORLEANS  
24   AFTER RECEIVING HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM OHIO STATE  
25   UNIVERSITY. HE IS PAST PRESIDENT IN ASSOCIATION -- IOWA STATE.



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1 OKAY. IOWA STATE. NOT GOING TO THE BOWL THIS YEAR THOUGH.  
2 OKAY. BOB KETCH IS PAST PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF  
3 CHILDREN'S SERVICES AGENCIES AND THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF  
4 SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE FAMILY COMMUNITY  
5 COUNCIL SERVING THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. SO BOB,  
6 WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE COMMUNITY AND IT'S  
7 BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU ON MY STAFF  
8 OVER THE YEARS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO KEEPING THAT RELATIONSHIP  
9 GOING. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **ROBERT KETCH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE  
12 AT FIVE ACRES FOR ALL THESE YEARS AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
13 LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND  
14 FAMILIES. THERE'S NOT A GREATER MISSION AND IMPORTANCE THAT WE  
15 ALL HAVE IN WORKING AS PARTNERS TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF  
16 FAMILIES SO THEY CAN RAISE CHILDREN WHO BECOME CARING AND  
17 PRODUCTIVE ADULTS. AND I KNOW THAT ALL OF YOU HAVE THAT SAME  
18 CONCERN. AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO VERY MUCH PLEASE TO  
19 INTRODUCE THE GROUP BEHIND ME, WHICH IS THE FIVE ACRES'  
20 LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING CHANEL BOUTAKIDIS, THE NEW EXECUTIVE  
21 DIRECTOR AND C.E.O. OF FIVE ACRES WHO HAS BEEN WITH FIVE ACRES  
22 FOR 12 YEARS. KATHY CLEMENT, DIRECTOR OF PHILANTHROPY, CARMEN  
23 BENITAS, DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES. BILL SHENNON, DIRECTOR OF  
24 RESEARCH. BILL CLARK, PAST CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF FIVE ACRES  
25 AND ON THE BOARD, AND JOHN WRIGHT ON THE BOARD OF FIVE ACRES,



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1 AND KAREN EVANS, WHO'S DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT, AND  
2 DAN BRAUN, WHO IS OUR CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. THANK YOU FOR  
3 THIS HONOR AND FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF FIVE ACRES. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE MY APPOINTEE TO  
6 THE ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD SINCE 2004, BELA LUGOSI, JR. HE  
7 RECEIVED HIS BACHELOR'S AND LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF  
8 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. BUT HE WAS QUITE INVOLVED BECAUSE MANY OF  
9 YOU WILL REMEMBER HE'S ONE OF OUR GREAT ACTORS OF ALL TIME.  
10 HIS FATHER WAS BELA LUGOSI. AND BELA GOT INVOLVED IN HIS LEGAL  
11 ACTION IN LUGOSI VERSUS UNIVERSAL PICTURES, LED TO THE  
12 CALIFORNIA CELEBRITIES RIGHTS ACT WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT TO  
13 REWARD THESE INDIVIDUALS AND PROTECT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
14 RIGHTS. HE WAS EXECUTIVE AT COMEDY PRODUCTIONS WHICH ALSO  
15 OWNED THE LICENSING RIGHTS TO THE THREE STOOGES. HE'S  
16 CURRENTLY AN ATTORNEY AT LAW WITH AND ARNETTE FOX AND BELA IS  
17 ALSO INVOLVED IN LITTLE LEAGUE, RIGHT? IN THE LA CANADA-  
18 FLINTRIDGE AREA AND COMMUNITY. AND WE JUST APPRECIATE HIS  
19 SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND PROTECTING INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY,  
20 INTELLECTUAL RIGHTS, THAT TYPE OF LEGAL SERVICE WHICH IS SO  
21 IMPORTANT BECAUSE THAT IS ONE OF THE RIGHTS THAT HAVE BEEN  
22 ABUSED NOT JUST HERE LOCALLY BUT INTERNATIONALLY, AS WELL. SO  
23 WE APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE. AND WE HOPE YOU'LL STAY INVOLVED  
24 EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE LEAVING THE COMMISSION, WE APPRECIATE WHAT  
25 YOU'VE DONE FOR OUR COUNTY. BELA? [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **BELA LUGOSI:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR GIVING ME  
3 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE. THANK YOU ALSO FOR THE CONFIDENCE  
4 YOU HAVE PLACED IN ME FOR ALL THESE YEARS ON THE ASSESSMENT  
5 APPEALS BOARD. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE WANT TO WELCOME THE NATIVE AMERICANS  
8 COMMISSION TO OUR BOARD, WHICH MARKS THE 35TH YEAR OF THE  
9 CREATION OF THE INDIAN COMMISSION. SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN AND  
10 MAYOR TOM BRADLEY JOINED TO CREATE THIS COMMISSION 35 YEARS  
11 AGO. OUR COUNTY IS THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES WITH  
12 AN INDIAN COMMISSION AUTHORIZED AS OUR COMMISSION SPECIFICALLY  
13 ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF AMERICAN INDIANS AND OFF RESERVATION  
14 AREA. WE HAVE WITH US TODAY COMMISSIONER RUDY ORTEGA, TO MAKE  
15 A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD. AND I'M PLEASED TO SAY THAT I  
16 HAVE THREE NATIVE AMERICANS WHO SERVE ON MY BOARD AS, I SHOULD  
17 SAY IN MY OFFICE AS DEPUTIES AND SECRETARIAL SUPPORT. SO IT'S  
18 A PLEASURE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON 35 YEARS AND WISH YOU  
19 ANOTHER GREAT 35 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **RUDY ORTEGA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I WOULD LIKE TO OPEN THIS  
22 UP FIRSTLY WITH A SONG IN A TRADITIONAL WAY. AS WELL, WE HAVE  
23 A POSTER AND SOME OTHER PRESENTATIONS TO GIVE OUT. [MUSIC.]

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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**RUDY ORTEGA:** WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A POSTER THAT WAS CREATED  
AND BY THE LOGO BY ONE OF OUR COMMISSIONERS, DON JACKSON. WE'D  
LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE  
ARE HERE TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOS ANGELES INDIAN COMMISSION. AS YOU  
KNOW, IN 1976, IT WAS CREATED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF  
SUPERVISOR KENNETH HAHN AND LOS ANGELES MAYOR TOM BRADLEY. WE  
ARE STILL HERE. AND THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE UNITED STATES THAT  
HAS SUCH AN INDIAN COMMISSION. WITH THIS PRESENTATION, WE'D  
LIKE TO GIVE OUT, AS I SAID, IT WAS THE LOGO CREATED BY ONE OF  
OUR COMMISSIONERS.

13

**SPEAKER:** WE WANT TO GIVE OUT OUR ANNUAL REPORT FOR 9 AND 10.  
WE WILL GIVE OUT EACH TO ONE OF THE COMMISSIONERS -- BOARD OF  
SUPERVISORS, EXCUSE ME. WE DO ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT  
NOVEMBER 29, THIS BOARD PASSED OUR MOTION TO ACCEPT OUR  
COMMUNITY SERVICE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT  
BECAUSE WE SERVE ABOUT 5,000 INDIANS ANNUALLY FROM THOSE  
FUNDS. AND THIS BOARD PASSED IT NOVEMBER 29. AND WHILE WE'RE  
VERY FAVORABLE TO THAT, WE WANT YOU ALSO TO REMEMBER THAT IT  
WAS DEAN DANA, SUPERVISOR DANA, WHO HELPED US GET THAT MONEY  
IN 1993. SO WE'VE BEEN OPERATING THIS PROGRAM FOR QUITE A LONG  
TIME. WE WERE LITTLE, THOUGH, AT THE SAME TIME BEING VERY  
PLEASED, WE WERE A LITTLE UPSET THAT OUR LANGUAGE HONORING THE



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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS TAKEN OUT OF OUR BOARD MOTION. THIS  
2 IS A VERY SPECIAL PROGRAM. WE ARE THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE  
3 UNITED STATES THAT OPERATES THIS MONEY FOR OFF-RESERVATION  
4 INDIANS. AND RUDY DIDN'T REALLY INTRODUCE HIMSELF. HE'S THE  
5 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TRIBE, THE  
6 FERNANDENO TATAVIAM TRIBE IN SAN FERNANDO, WE SERVICE THROUGH  
7 THEM. WE SERVICE THROUGH GABRIELINO TRIBE. AND WE SERVICE TO  
8 THE OTHER TRIBES HERE IN TOWN. SO WE WERE A LITTLE DISCOURAGED  
9 THAT THAT LANGUAGE WAS DROPPED. I'M HOPING IT WAS JUST DROPPED  
10 INADVERTENTLY. BUT THIS WAS THE ONLY COUNTY IN THE UNITED  
11 STATES THAT OPERATES THIS AND WE SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF THAT.  
12 WE SHOULD PROMOTE THAT AS MUCH AS WE CAN, AND I DO. WE SEND IT  
13 OUT TO EVERYBODY IN THE UNITED STATES MAKING THEM JEALOUS OF  
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO WE WANT TO THANK THIS BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS FOR PASSING THAT MOTION NOVEMBER THE 29TH, AS  
16 WELL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW IN THE FAMOUS OAK OAKRIDGE BOYS SONG  
19 "ELVIRA," THIS IS LITTLE ELVIRA, A MINIATURE PINCHER WHO IS  
20 THREE YEARS OLD. AND SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. AND YOU CAN  
21 ADOPT HER AT 562-728-4644 OR ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE OR AROUND  
22 THE COUNTY WHO WOULD LIKE LITTLE ELVIRA. HOW ABOUT MARK, HOW  
23 ABOUT A NICE CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR AVIS? I GUESS NOT.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS NOT.





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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE  
3 THAT THE PRESENTER BE ADMONISHED NOT TO MEDDLE IN THE AFFAIRS  
4 OF OTHER PEOPLE'S HOUSEHOLDS. [LAUGHTER.]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANYWAY, LITTLE ELVIRA IS LOOKING FOR A HOME.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU  
9 HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO DOES ANIMAL SERVICES HAVE A MATCHING  
12 OUTFIT FOR THAT SPECIAL LITTLE CREATURE THAT IN SOME WAYS  
13 APPROXIMATES SUPERVISOR OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT'S PANTS? THAT  
14 COULD BE A NICE WAY FOR THE POOCH TO MAKE A CHRISTMAS DEBUT.  
15 THANK YOU. MR. ANTONOVICH, MY MAN. IS ROBIN TOMA IN THE HOUSE?  
16 HOW ABOUT SERGIO PAZ? GIVE THESE TWO COUNTY LEADERS IN THE  
17 AREA OF HUMAN RELATIONS A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AS WE  
18 CELEBRATE HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH TODAY. [APPLAUSE.] WE JOIN PEOPLE  
19 AND GOVERNMENTS FROM AROUND THE NATION AND THE WORLD FOR THAT  
20 MATTER WHO THIS MONTH CELEBRATE THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION ON  
21 HUMAN RIGHTS, A CORNERSTONE OF HUMAN PROGRESS WHICH THE UNITED  
22 NATIONS ADOPTED AFTER WORLD WAR II. HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE BEEN AT  
23 THE CORE OF OUR NATION'S IDEALS SINCE ITS FOUNDING AND THE  
24 DRIVING FORCE BEHIND MUCH OF THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE AS A  
25 SOCIETY. THE NOTION THAT EVERY PERSON SHOULD BE EQUAL IN TERMS



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1 OF BEING ACCORDED DIGNITY, FAIRNESS AND OPPORTUNITY IS  
2 EMBEDDED IN OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE. AND IT HAS  
3 INSPIRED THE MOVEMENT TO ABOLISH SLAVERY, HAVING WOMEN'S  
4 RIGHTS TO VOTE IN THIS COUNTRY, AS WELL AS WHAT WE KNOW AS THE  
5 MODERN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. AND ALTHOUGH WE MAY NOT REALIZE  
6 IT, WE, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT, PROVIDE SERVICES EVERY DAY  
7 WHICH SHOULD BE THOUGHT OF AS FULFILLING OUR OBLIGATIONS TO  
8 PROMOTE, RESPECT AND FULFILL HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WISH TO NAME  
9 JUST A FEW OF THEM. THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO END HOMELESSNESS,  
10 IT'S TO SEEK TO FULFILL THE HUMAN RIGHT TO DECENT PERMANENT  
11 HOUSING THAT IS SAFE AND ADEQUATE, OUR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE  
12 ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR EVERYONE IS SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY  
13 DOES EVERY DAY AT ITS HOSPITALS AND CLINICS TO SERVE AS A  
14 SAFETY NET FOR OUR COUNTY'S RESIDENTS. AND THAT IS FULFILLING  
15 A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT TO CARE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL  
16 TENETS THAT WE CELEBRATE. PROVIDING JOB OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH  
17 OUR WORKFORCE INVESTMENT PROGRAMS SO PEOPLE CAN PAY FOR FOOD  
18 AND FOR HOUSING AND THE OTHER ESSENTIAL THINGS OF LIFE. THE  
19 WORK BY THE COUNTY'S HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TOWARDS THE  
20 ELIMINATION OF PREJUDICE, OF HATE AND DISCRIMINATION IS  
21 THROUGH ITS PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES. AND SO,  
22 FINALLY, WE ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH  
23 PROCLAMATION TO THE COUNTY'S COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS,  
24 AND WE PRESENT IT TODAY TO ITS PRESIDENT, SERGIO PAZ, AND TO



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1 HIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ROBIN TOMA. GENTLEMEN, THANK YOU VERY  
2 MUCH. AND WE CELEBRATE THIS WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **ROBIN TOMA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR, AND BOARD MEMBERS.  
5 JUST THE OTHER DAY WE HAD A GATHERING OUT IN THE HARBOR-  
6 GATEWAY WHERE WE WORKED WITH RESIDENTS AND OUR PARTNERS TO  
7 RECLAIM THAT NEIGHBORHOOD AND TO ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE  
8 A PLACE TO GATHER AT THE SHELL GREEN CENTER AND TO WORK WITH  
9 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE A SAFE  
10 PLACE TO BE WHERE THEY CAN HAVE A CHANCE TO GET TO SCHOOL, A  
11 CHANCE TO LIVE FREE OF DISCRIMINATION. IT'S REALLY ON BEHALF  
12 OF THOSE FOLKS, THOSE COURAGEOUS PEOPLE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD,  
13 AND ALL AROUND THE COUNTY AND COUNTY WORKERS AND CITY WORKERS  
14 WHO ALL PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAMS THAT REALLY HELP PROMOTE AND  
15 RESPECT AND FULFILL THE HUMAN RIGHTS THAT EVERYONE HERE  
16 DESERVES. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SERGIO PAZ:** I JUST WANT TO REITERATE THE FACT THAT AS WE  
19 PROCLAIM THIS HUMAN RIGHTS MONTH AND JOIN THE INTERNATIONAL  
20 COMRADES IN HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROTECTING THOSE HUMAN RIGHTS,  
21 THAT I CHALLENGE MY FELLOW ANGELINOS TO TAKE THIS AS A  
22 CHALLENGE AND TO TAKE THIS ONE STEP FORWARD RATHER THAN JUST  
23 RECEIVING A PROCLAMATION AND SAYING THAT WE SUPPORT HUMAN  
24 RIGHTS, THE PRACTICE, THROUGH COMPASSION, THROUGH SHARING JOY,  
25 THROUGH SHARING LOVE. AS WE WALK THE HALLS, WHETHER IT'S HERE



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1 AT THE COUNTY OFFICES OR IT'S ON THE SIDEWALKS OF OUR STREETS  
2 OF L.A., I CHALLENGE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF OUR FELLOW ANGELINOS  
3 AND EVERYONE HERE TO GREET EVERYONE ON THE STREET WITH A SMILE  
4 OR WITH A SIMPLE HANDSHAKE OR WITH A HUG. AND THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, I'M PLEASED  
7 THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL FORWARD FIDEL RODRIGUEZ  
8 AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BRICKS. THE BRICKS CONSIST OF EIGHT --  
9 GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] THE  
10 BRICKS CONSIST OF EIGHT L.A. COUNTY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE AGES  
11 16 TO 19 CHOSEN FROM HUNDREDS TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT ONE.  
12 L.A. COUNTY HUMAN RELATION, A COMMISSION PROGRAM DESIGNED TO  
13 ADDRESS CRITICAL SOCIETAL ISSUES AMONG TEENS USING THE  
14 UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE OF MUSIC. THE BRICKS ARE A FINE INSPIRATION  
15 IN THEIR PERSONAL JOURNEYS AND FROM REAL LIFE EXPERIENCES THAT  
16 TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE FACE TO WRITE THEIR OWN LYRICS AND  
17 FORMULATE A DISTINCT SOUND THAT BLENDS ROCK, HIP HOP AND SOUL.  
18 THE BAND HAS TOURED CAMPUSES AND PROBATION FACILITIES  
19 THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY PERFORMING THEIR TRACKS AND ENGAGING IN  
20 DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER YOUTH ABOUT SOCIAL ISSUES, INCLUDING  
21 RACE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER, AND PROMOTING ACCEPTANCE  
22 AMONG AND FOR EVERYONE. AND SO ON DECEMBER 24, THE BRICKS WILL  
23 PERFORM A UNIQUE RENDITION OF PEACE ON EARTH FOR THE FIRST  
24 TIME AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER PAVILION AS A PART OF THE 52ND  
25 ANNUAL L.A. COUNTY CELEBRATION. I THINK THAT'S VERY SPECIAL,



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1 DON'T YOU? AND SO WE'RE DELIGHTED THEY'RE GOING TO BE  
2 PARTICIPATING THERE. AND ACCEPTING THE SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE  
3 BRICKS IS FIDEL RODRIGUEZ, A SENIOR HUMAN RELATIONS CONSULTANT  
4 WHO HAS DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN A VARIETY OF WAYS THROUGHOUT  
5 HIS LEADERSHIP AND JOURNEY HERE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND SO WE  
6 SAY TO FIDEL AND TO THE BRICKS, CONGRATULATIONS. WE APPRECIATE  
7 YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIFE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **FIDEL RODRIGUEZ:** FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS FOR HONORING NATIVE AMERICANS PREVIOUSLY. I AM A  
12 NATIVE AMERICAN DECENT MYSELF FROM THE CHUMASH NATION FROM  
13 SANTA BARBARA. ON BEHALF OF L.A. COUNTY'S COMMUNITY SENIOR  
14 SERVICES, THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION, THE ARTS COMMISSION,  
15 AND NONPROFIT ONENESS, AND MARIA, KEVIN, MARCY, LOUIE, DAZEY,  
16 ANTHONY, OMARI, AND ALEX, WHO MAKE UP THE BRICKS, WE WOULD  
17 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS GREAT HONOR. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS  
19 HONOR. [APPLAUSE.] I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE  
20 OF HOW THIS PROJECT OCCURRED. IT WAS ALL ABOUT COLLABORATION.  
21 WE COLLABORATED WITH NONPROFITS, PRIVATE BUSINESS, THE LOS  
22 ANGELES MUSIC ACADEMY, GOVERNMENT, AND OF COURSE YOUTH, ALL TO  
23 PUT TOGETHER MUSIC THAT WAS SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS, MUSIC THAT  
24 ENLIGHTENED, MUSIC THAT EDUCATED, MUSIC THAT INSPIRED NOT ONLY  
25 YOUTH BUT THE ADULTS THAT WILL BE LISTENING TO THIS MUSIC. WE



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1 FOCUSED ON MUSIC THAT TALKED ABOUT SEXISM, RACISM, XENOPHOBIA,  
2 HOMELESSNESS, VIOLENCE AGAINST THE HOMELESS, DOMESTIC  
3 VIOLENCE, JUVENILE JUSTICE, HITTING MANY TOPICS WITH CREATIVE  
4 MUSIC, PAIRED UP WITH MENTORSHIP, MENTORS FROM MANY GRAMMY  
5 PRODUCERS, CASEY PORTER, GRAMMY AWARD-WINNING PRODUCER, D.J.  
6 KALIL FROM THE EMINEM AND DR. DRE CAMP, J.B. ECKL, PRODUCER,  
7 MONEY MARK FROM THE BEASTIE BOYS. JUST A HUGE COLLABORATION OF  
8 MENTORS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THIS MUSIC INDUSTRY ALL WORKING  
9 TOWARDS GIVING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE WHAT THEY NEED, ARTS. ART AND  
10 MENTORSHIP. SO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF GOVERNMENT COMING TOGETHER  
11 WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS WITH THE PUBLIC, IT'S GOING TO TAKE A  
12 COLLABORATION TO HELP OUR YOUTH, HELP OUR YOUTH EDUCATE  
13 THEMSELVES. BUT ONE MOST IMPORTANTLY WHEN THEY FALL, BE THERE  
14 TO HELP PICK THEM UP. AND THAT'S WHERE MENTORSHIP COMES IN THE  
15 FOREFRONT OF THIS. SO WITH THAT BEING SAID, I WOULD ALSO LIKE  
16 TO TALK ABOUT THE NEED FOR MORE ART PROGRAMS AND MENTORSHIP  
17 PROGRAMS IN L.A. COUNTY. JUXTAPOSE WITH THE WORK THAT I HAVE  
18 DONE WITH THE BRICKS, WHO ARE A MIXTURE OF NOT ONLY AT-RISK  
19 BUT NON-RISK YOUTH, I ALSO WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE  
20 INCARCERATED, YOUNG PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IN GANGS, I'VE DONE  
21 THIS WORK FOR OVER 20 YEARS, AND I KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF  
22 MENTORSHIP IN ART. SO I ASK ALL THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE  
23 PUBLIC, THAT WE NEED MORE ARTS. WE NEED MORE MENTORSHIP IN LOS  
24 ANGELES COUNTY IF WE'RE REALLY GOING TO CARE ABOUT THE YOUTH  
25 OF LOS ANGELES. AND, LAST, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PEOPLE





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1 PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO WATCH THE BRICKS AND THE 23 OTHER  
2 GROUPS ON CHRISTMAS EVE FROM 3 P.M. TO 6 P.M. ON P.B.S. AND ON  
3 THE RADIO, IF YOU CAN'T WATCH IT ON T.V., 90.7, K.P.F.K. LOS  
4 ANGELES AND KPFK.ORG. THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND YOU GUYS HAVE A  
5 BEAUTIFUL DAY. [APPLAUSE.]

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND WE  
8 WANT TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE ART COMMISSION AND LAURA  
9 ZUCKER FOR HER CONTRIBUTION AND PROMOTION OF GROUPS LIKE THIS  
10 WHO ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THEIR  
11 RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. BUT BEYOND THAT, THE ENTIRETY OF THE  
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND WE ARE ALL BETTER FOR IT. SO ONCE  
13 AGAIN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE BRICKS. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THERE ARE NO OTHER  
16 PRESENTATIONS? THEN WE'LL PROCEED TO THE AGENDA. LET'S TAKE UP  
17 OUR PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS FIRST. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, YOU'VE  
18 ASKED TO BE HEARD ON NO. 1, 52, 53, 54 AND 55. ARNOLD SACHS,  
19 PLEASE COME DOWN, MR. SACHS ON ITEMS 1-D, 1-P, 2-P, 3-P, 6, 8,  
20 12, 13, 17, 32, 33, 55-B AND 55-C. ERIC PREVEN ON 3-P, NO. 1,  
21 7, 8, 15, 19, 21, 23, 25, 31, 33, 35, 45, 52. EACH OF YOU WILL  
22 HAVE THREE MINUTES.

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24 **ERIC PREVEN:** MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN, I AM THE COUNTY RESIDENT  
25 FROM DISTRICT 3. I WOULD OF COURSE OBJECT TO SAYING COMMENTS



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1 IN THREE MINUTES ON ALL OF THESE ITEMS, BUT I WILL DO MY BEST.  
2 ITEM 1 IS THE EXTENSION OF THE TIME LIMITATION FOR STACY  
3 BRATCHER, WHO IS AN ATTORNEY ON THE COMMISSION FOR HOSPITAL,  
4 ONE OF THE HOSPITAL COMMISSIONS. SHE IS JUDGE TEVRIZIAN'S, WHO  
5 IS ON OUR CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAILS, I BELIEVE THEY ARE  
6 RELATED, I'M NOT SURE. SHE DOES HAVE ATTENDANCE ISSUES SO I'M  
7 CURIOUS ABOUT THAT. ITEM 7 HAS TO DO WITH MERRICK BOBB, WHO IS  
8 OUR SPECIAL COUNSEL AND HAS BEEN REPORTING ON THE JAILS FOR 18  
9 YEARS. HE IS GETTING AN \$111,000 RAISE SO THAT HE'LL BE TAKING  
10 \$354,000 FOR THE YEAR. WHICH SEEMS HIGH, TO BE HONEST,  
11 ESPECIALLY GIVE THE FACT THAT WE'VE HAD STRUGGLES WITH  
12 FOLLOWING THOSE RULES. ITEM 8 IS ONCE AGAIN KUDOS TO  
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR FOCUSING ON IMPROVING 7 PERCENT  
14 COMPLETION NUMBER FOR THE CALFRESH APPLICATIONS. I WISH THE  
15 SUPERVISORS WERE LISTENING. AND WE SHOULD FOCUS QUICKLY ON  
16 GETTING TO ABOUT 60 PERCENT, WHICH IS WHERE SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
17 IS. AND I KNOW THAT HE IS LEADING THE CHARGE ON THAT. ITEM 15,  
18 16, 17 ARE KIND OF LUMPED SUMS TO VARIOUS REDEVELOPMENT  
19 FRIENDS FROM CHRISTMAS PAST. WE HAVE THE GUYS FROM JOSHUA  
20 RANCH, THE ELIOPULOS FAMILY AND OF COURSE STAN IEZMEN FROM THE  
21 SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AT U.S.C., SO WE CAN GET A GO TROJANS  
22 GOING THERE. TONY "TNP" THOMPSON, WHO FAMOUSLY SAID, "BUY INTO  
23 FEAR, SELL INTO GREED." HE WASN'T THE ONE WHO ORIGINATED THAT  
24 REMARK, BUT HE CERTAINLY DID SAY IT. ITEM 19 IS MORE  
25 L.A.C.E.R.A. NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE BEING ADVISED BY THE BUCK



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1 CONSULTING GROUP AND THE MERCER CONSULTING GROUP. BUCK IS  
2 ACTUALLY A XEROX COMPANY, WHICH I DIDN'T KNOW, TO COME UP WITH  
3 37 MILLION IN ORDER TO BASICALLY COVER THE \$90 POSSIBLE CHARGE  
4 THAT WOULD BE DUE FOR MEDIARE PART B REIMBURSEMENT THAT IS  
5 THERE. I DON'T KNOW. ITEM 20 IS THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND 21 AND  
6 22, THOSE THREE ITEMS REPRESENT ABOUT \$65,000 IN MONTHLY  
7 COUNTY COUNSEL CHARGES, WHICH OF COURSE LEAD TO ITEM 52, 53  
8 AND 54 WHICH HAVE BEEN CONTINUED TO JANUARY 17 BUT DEAL WITH,  
9 WELL, SADLY, THE DISMAL COUNTY RISK STATISTICS. AND WE WILL  
10 GET INTO THAT IN GREAT DETAIL, BUT SUFFICE TO SAY WE ARE NOW  
11 SPENDING \$508 MILLION IN COUNTY RISK. THAT'S UP 31 MILLION  
12 FROM LAST YEAR, WHICH IS JUST A STUNNING NUMBER. THE LEGAL  
13 FEES ARE UP TO 107 MILLION. GUYS, YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT, THESE  
14 ARE BIG NUMBERS. LAST YEAR IT WAS 94. WE MUST, MUST GET  
15 CONTROL OF THAT. ITEM 31 IS GOLF UP CHARGES GOING FORWARD.  
16 WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE MORE FROM OUR CONTRACTS WITH  
17 THOSE GUYS. BUT I'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION THERE. HOLLYWOOD  
18 BOWL, ITEM 33, GETS TO THE THIRD DISTRICT PRIORITY. WE ARE  
19 UPGRADING THE RESTROOMS AT HOLLYWOOD BOWL FINALLY AND I DO  
20 SUPPORT THAT ONE. BUT 3 MILLION DOES SEEM LIKE A LOT FOR A  
21 BATHROOM REMODEL, I DON'T KNOW. ITEM NO. 35 POINTS TO GORDIAN  
22 GROUP, ONE OF MY FAVORITES. THIS IS A GROUP THAT'S TAKING  
23 90,000 OUT OF 45 MILLION TO DO THE COST ESTIMATING. IT'S  
24 CALLED JOB ORDER CONTRACTING. GUYS, WE'VE ALL LOOKED AT THIS  
25 TOGETHER. 90 GRAND GOES TO THESE GUYS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** TIME IS UP. FINISH YOUR SENTENCE  
3 BUT I'M GOING TO CUT YOU OFF.

4

5 **ERIC PREVEN:** I'LL FINISH MY SENTENCE WHICH IS THAT APPLEONE IS  
6 BACK FOR PROBATION TO DO SOME CONSULTING CLERICAL SERVICES.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANKS. DR.  
9 CLAVREUL?

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11 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
12 ON ITEM 1, ON THE APPOINTMENT OF STACY BRATCHER TO THE  
13 HOSPITAL COMMISSION, SHE ALMOST NEVER COMES TO THE MEETINGS.  
14 SHE HAS BEEN ABSENT FOR QUITE SOME TIME. SHE ALSO HAS BEEN  
15 VIOLATING H.I.P.A.A., SHE SHARED MY MEDICAL INFORMATION WITH  
16 SOMEBODY ELSE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION. I AM QUITE UPSET ABOUT  
17 THAT. AND ALSO DEALING WITH 52, 53 AND 54, WHICH IS DEALING  
18 WITH RISK MANAGEMENT. I THINK, YOU KNOW, THAT'S A BIG CONCERN  
19 TO ME, ESPECIALLY YOU KNOW, I FOUND LAST WEEK A CLAIM AGAINST  
20 THE COUNTY HAVING TO DO WITH MISS MOLINA'S LIBEL AND SLANDER  
21 OF ME. I RECEIVED A RESPONSE SAYING THAT I COULD NOT FILE  
22 BECAUSE THE TIME HAD EXPIRED, WHICH IS TOTALLY NOT TRUE  
23 BECAUSE I WAS NOT MAKING A CLAIM FOR PHYSICAL HARM. I RECEIVED  
24 A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ME AND ONE PART ADDRESSED TO SOMEBODY  
25 ELSE IN THE OTHER PART. AGAIN, A VIOLATION FOR ANOTHER LAWSUIT



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1 BECAUSE MY NAME IS NOT MRS. NADIVIA. SO THAT WILL PROBABLY  
2 EXPLAIN WHY I'M ONLY GIVING YOU SIX MONTHS VERSUS A ONE YEAR  
3 CODE. SO I WILL HIGHLY THINK THAT WILL INCREASE YOUR RISK  
4 MANAGEMENT BIG TIME. AND ALSO TALKING ABOUT RISK MANAGEMENT,  
5 YOUR CONTRACT WITH MEDISCAN, AND I KNOW YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT  
6 THAT ISSUE MANY TIMES THAT SOMEBODY WAS FAR FROM [INAUDIBLE]  
7 ONE OF YOUR EMPLOYEES WAS FIRED. BECAUSE SHE EMBARRASSED THE  
8 COUNTY. AND I HAD ASKED PERMISSION TO LOOK AT THE  
9 DOCUMENTATION ON MEDISCAN AND FINALLY AFTER TWO MONTHS I  
10 RECEIVED PERMISSION TO LOOK AT THE DOCUMENT. THEY HAVE PLENTY  
11 TIME TO BLACK OUT THE NAMES BUT THEY FORGOT TO BLACK OUT THE  
12 NAMES. AND UNDER MY EYES I HAD PEOPLE WHO GOT FIRED FOR SEXUAL  
13 HARASSMENT AND SO ON. AND I GOT A LETTER FROM THE OWNER OF  
14 MEDISCAN ASKING THAT NO LONGER ARE SEXUAL HARASSMENTS PART IS  
15 RECORDED AND I GET A LETTER FROM JOHN SCHUNHOFF SAYING THAT  
16 WELL, THEY WILL NO LONGER BE KEPT RECORD OF AND THAT IT WOULD  
17 BE OKAY WITH YOU GUYS TO KEEP PEOPLE WITH SEXUAL HARASSMENT  
18 WORKING FOR YOU. SO I THINK YOUR RISK MANAGEMENT MIGHT GO UP.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. MR.  
21 SACHS.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS.  
24 QUITE THE MEETING ON THURSDAY AT THE BOARD, HUH? FELT LIKE A  
25 CHARACTER FROM MR. ROBERTS WHEN HE PULLED THE PALM TREE OUT



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1 AND THREW IT IN THE OCEAN. IF I DID THAT AT THE BOARD, I'D BE  
2 CHARGED WITH POLLUTION. ANYWAY, THAT BEING SAID, DID YOU  
3 ACTUALLY SAY THIS AT THAT BOARD MEETING, MR. COUNCILMAN,  
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? I FIND IT, FRANKLY, RATHER  
5 EMBARRASSING THAT THE F.T.A. HAS TO REACH IN AND SAY "GET YOUR  
6 HOUSE IN ORDER" AT METRO? YOU SAID THAT AT METRO? "GET YOUR  
7 HOUSE IN ORDER." I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. HOW ABOUT THIS ARTICLE  
8 FROM THE TIMES, 12/16/11. CORRUPTION IN BULLET TRAIN PROJECT  
9 ALLEGED? CORRUPTION IN A TRANSIT AGENCY?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** MR. SACHS, YOU NEED TO SPEAK ON THE  
12 ITEMS YOU SIGNED UP FOR.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, YOU WILL HAVE YOUR OPPORTUNITY  
17 AT PUBLIC COMMENT AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THE RULES WERE, YOU EXPLAINED THE RULES --

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** NO, THE RULES ARE THAT YOU WILL  
22 HAVE THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA.

23

24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** PUBLIC COMMENT'S ON THE AGENDA SIR.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** PUBLIC COMMENT IS HANDLED  
2   SEPARATELY. MR. SACHS, I AM NOT GOING TO ARGUE WITH YOU. KEEP  
3   THE CLOCK RUNNING, OKAY. PLEASE KEEP THE CLOCK RUNNING. STICK  
4   TO THE AGENDA.

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6   **ARNOLD SACHS:** IF IT'S MY TIME, THEN WHY ARE YOU TALKING? I  
7   MEAN SERIOUSLY. I WILL STICK TO THE AGENDA. OKAY LET'S STICK  
8   TO THE AGENDA. ITEM 1-D, I HELD, HOW ABOUT THAT.  
9   CONGRATULATIONS. YOU'RE TAKING \$28,000 IN UNEXPENDED COUNTY  
10   GENERAL FUNDS ORIGINALLY GRANTED TO THE UNITED STATES VETERAN  
11   INITIATIVES. SO THE VETS HAVE UNEXPENDED FUNDS AVAILABLE AND  
12   YET THE COUNTY HAS OVER 2 POINT -- WELL, LET'S SEE, 1.775  
13   MILLION IN COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS AND 1.416 MILLION IN CITY  
14   EXCESS FUNDS FOR PARKS, BUT YOU'RE TAKING FUNDS FROM THE VETS.  
15   EXPLAIN THAT TO THE PUBLIC WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE BECAUSE I'M  
16   SURE THEY'LL WANT TO KNOW WHY THE VETS DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM  
17   WITH ANY MONEY AND YOU HAVE EVERYTHING FUNDED THERE. ITEM NO.  
18   6 EXPLAINS, IT'S FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER WHICH EVENTUALLY YOU'LL  
19   HAVE TO DROP IN A MAILBOX. I HAVE ANOTHER PLACE WHERE YOU  
20   COULD PUT THAT LETTER. ITEM 12 IS AN M.O.U. BETWEEN THE COUNTY  
21   AND THE SUPERIOR COURT ON THE VIOLATIONS OF VEHICLE CODE. WHY  
22   DON'T YOU TALK TO THE SUPERIOR COURT ABOUT THE RED LIGHT  
23   CAMERAS? SEEMS LIKE L.A. COUNTY IS ONE OF THE FEW COUNTIES IN  
24   THE STATE THAT DOESN'T UPHOLD THE RED LIGHTS. SAN DIEGO COUNTY  
25   DOES. AND IMPERIAL COUNTY DOES. SO WHY DOESN'T THE COUNTY



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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. OH I KNOW, BECAUSE YOU'RE PAYING THE  
2 JUDGES \$48 MILLION EXTRA ON TOP OF THEIR SALARY. CAN'T TALK  
3 ABOUT THAT. ITEM NO. 13, BOARD ADOPTS POLICIES TO EXTEND  
4 LAURA'S LAW. IN THIS EDITORIAL, "USING LAURA'S LAW" FROM THE  
5 BREEZE ON 12/5. THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD HAS A PROGRAM THAT HAS  
6 10 PEOPLE, CONGRATULATIONS. 10 PEOPLE. WHOOP DI DO. ITEM NO.  
7 56-C, TRUTHFUL ADVERTISEMENT AND 56-D, ABOUT THE TRUTH? YOU  
8 CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OH, I'M SORRY. DANIEL  
11 GARCIA? DANIEL GARCIA HERE? OKAY. WE'RE ON ITEM 6 AND 26.

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13 **DANIEL GARCIA:** I WANT TO WISH YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS FIRST OF ALL  
14 FOR EVERYBODY. AND I'M SPEAKING ON NO. 6. I REALLY WANT TO  
15 KNOW IF [INAUDIBLE] IMPLEMENTATION OF ROUTE 138. WILL YOU  
16 PLEASE MAKE IT SO THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN GET ACCESS  
17 TO BY THE WAY THAT THE STREETS ARE DONE? MY MAIN CONCERN IS  
18 THEY ARE GOING TO BE DISREGARD TO THE A.D.A. OVER THERE ON  
19 ITEM NO. 6. THAT'S MY MAIN CONCERN. AND ALSO, IF YOU'RE GOING  
20 TO IMPROVE SAFETY FOR ALL DRIVERS, HOW ABOUT IMPROVING IT ALSO  
21 FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CAN GET IN AND OUT OF THEIR CARS  
22 AN EASY WAY OUT AND PUT IN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SITUATION.  
23 THAT'S ABOUT NO. 6. DO YOU WANT ME TO CONTINUE ON NUMBER --?

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** PLEASE.



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2 **DANIEL GARICA:** OKAY. MY NEXT ONE IS 26. ITEM 26 IS MY HOUSING.  
3 MY MAIN CONCERN IS THIS PARTICULAR HOUSING IMPROVEMENT  
4 PROGRAM, IS IT GOING TO BE, IS THAT SEEKING A HOME, ARE THEY  
5 GOING TO BE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES OR NOT? BECAUSE IF  
6 YOU ADD ONE TO THE PLANS AT ALL IT DOESN'T MEAN FOR EVERYBODY.  
7 THAT'S JUST FOR FAMILIES, FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE NOT DISABLED  
8 PROBABLY, BUT ALSO MANY PEOPLE, ALSO DISABLED FAMILIES, WHO  
9 CANNOT REALLY [INAUDIBLE] IN THIS SITUATION. AND THAT'S MY  
10 MAIN CONCERN ABOUT THIS ONE. [INAUDIBLE]. WILL YOU CONTINUE ON  
11 ON PUBLIC COMMENT?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S LATER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,  
14 MR. GARCIA.

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16 **DANIEL GARCIA:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU, TOO. MR.  
19 LYLE TALBOT?

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN LANCASTER?

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** FROM LANCASTER. DO WE HAVE  
24 LANCASTER? OH, HE'S NOT IN LANCASTER.

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1 **SPEAKER:** NO SPEAKERS IN LANCASTER.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. HE'S HERE.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** HE'S HERE? GOOD MORNING.

6

7 **LYLE TALBOT:** I CAME TO SPEAK ABOUT THE ROAD TO HELL. HIGHWAY  
8 138. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PRESENTING YOU WITH AN IDEA TO PUT  
9 ON SPARKLING LIGHTS ON THIS HIGHWAY SAFETY SIGNS OUT THERE. I  
10 HOPE YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT. IT'S BEEN A PROJECT THAT I'VE  
11 WORKED ON WITH THE SUPERVISOR FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS. YOU KNOW, A  
12 LOT OF YOUR FAMILIES PROBABLY GO TO MAMMOTH OR GO TO LAS  
13 VEGAS. SO YOUR LIVES ARE AFFECTED, TOO, AND YOUR FAMILY  
14 SITUATIONS. SO ANYTHING WE CAN DO OUT THERE TO MAKE THIS A  
15 BETTER PLACE TO DRIVE, I URGE YOU TO CONTACT THE COUNTY OF SAN  
16 BERNARDINO OFFICIALS AND REQUEST THE SAME A REVIEW OF THE  
17 SIGNAGE CLEAR OUT TO THE I-15 IN THEIR COUNTY. SIX CARS, SIX  
18 INJURED. THIS ACCIDENT HAPPENED WHEN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
19 DIDN'T WANT TO JOIN L.A. COUNTY IN THE DAYTIME HEADLIGHT  
20 PROGRAM. SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, THEY HAD AN ACCIDENT THAT  
21 KILLED FIVE, INJURED SIX, AND THERE WERE SIX CARS INVOLVED IN  
22 A HEAD-ON SITUATION. SO IF 6-6-6 REPRESENTS EVIL, WE'RE  
23 TALKING ABOUT A REAL EVIL HIGHWAY OUT THERE. THE 1991 COST FOR  
24 THE SIGNS WAS \$5,500. THAT'S CHUMP CHANGE. WOULDN'T EVEN COVER  
25 AN ATTORNEY'S RETAINER FEE. MY DAUGHTER NEARLY WAS KILLED OUT



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1    THERE OVER 20 YEARS AGO. SOME GUY ASKED ME ONE TIME, SAYS, "I  
2    FORGOT TO TURN MY HEADLIGHTS OFF AND I GOT A DEAD BATTERY."  
3    AND I SAID, "ISN'T THAT BETTER THAN A DEAD FAMILY MEMBER?" AND  
4    SOMEONE ELSE ASKED ME, "HOW MANY LIVES AND ACCIDENTS DO YOU  
5    THINK YOU'VE PREVENTED WITH THIS PROGRAM, YOU AND THE  
6    SUPERVISOR?" I SAID, "THEY DON'T KEEP TRACK IN STATISTICS ON  
7    ACCIDENTS THAT DON'T HAPPEN." SO, IT'S AN UNTOLD NUMBER. SO  
8    I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE SUPERVISOR'S MOTION AND RESPECTFULLY,  
9    YOU ALL UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE A PART IN IT AND YOUR  
10   FAMILY'S INVOLVED, NOT JUST THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN LANCASTER.  
11   THANKS AGAIN.

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13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. TALBOT.

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15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE LAST SPEAKER FOR THE  
16   MOMENT. IF WE COULD GET APPROVAL ON ITEM NO. 1-D, 1-P, 2-P, 3-  
17   P, 1, 6, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 32, 33, 35. ON ITEMS NO. 52,  
18   53, 54, CONTINUE THOSE ITEMS TO JANUARY 17, 2012 AND ITEM 55-  
19   B?

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY  
22   MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THEN ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
2 THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE. BUT IF  
3 WE COULD GET APPROVAL ON THAT ITEM?

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY MOLINA. SECONDED BY  
6 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GREAT, THANK YOU. AND YOUR DISTRICT IS UP  
9 FIRST FOR ADJOURNMENTS.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING  
12 MOTIONS. FIRST I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
13 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF VACLAV HAVEL, THE FIRST POST-  
14 COMMUNIST PRESIDENT OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND LATER THE CZECH  
15 REPUBLIC. A WRITER AND DISSIDENT AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST WHO  
16 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 75. HE WAS ONE OF THE TOWERING  
17 FIGURES OF THE STREET PROTEST MOVEMENT THAT EVENTUALLY HELPED  
18 PRECIPITATE THE COLLAPSE OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION. HIS  
19 COURAGE, ELOQUENCE AND PERSONAL CHARISMA LED TO HIS ROLE AS  
20 KEY NEGOTIATOR WITH SKILLFUL BEHIND-THE-SCENES DEALINGS WITH  
21 COMMUNIST AUTHORITIES USHERED IN THE SO-CALLED VELVET  
22 REVOLUTION, A BLOODLESS TRANSITION FROM AN AUTHORITARIAN  
23 SATELLITE OF THE SOVIET ORBIT TO A FULL-FLEDGED DEMOCRACY  
24 ALIGNED WITH THE WEST. HE FIRST CAME TO PROMINENCE, VACLAV  
25 HAVE CAME TO PROMINENCE IN THE MID-1960S THROUGH THE WRITERS'





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1 UNION WHOSE MEMBERS HELPED SHAPE AND ARTICULATE A DEVELOPING  
2 CONSCIOUSNESS OF DISSENT AND OPPOSITION TO COMMUNIST RULE.  
3 HAVEL WAS ONE OF THOSE WHO ARGUED THAT COMMUNISM COULD NEVER  
4 BE MODERATED OR TONED DOWN, THAT BY DEFINITION IT WAS AN  
5 INTOLERABLY REPRESSIVE SYSTEM THAT COULD ONLY BE REPLACED BY  
6 DEMOCRACY. HE WENT ON TO HELP FOUND CHARTER 77, A MOVEMENT  
7 ADVOCATING FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS SPELLED OUT IN THE 1975  
8 HELSINKI ACCORDS, WHICH HAD BEEN CONSIDERED A LANDMARK TREATY  
9 BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. HIS ACTIVITIES EARNED HIM REPEATED  
10 ARRESTS AND INCARCERATION OVER THE FOLLOWING DECADE AT GREAT  
11 COST TO HIS HEALTH. HIS WIFE OF 31 YEARS, OLGA, DIED OF CANCER  
12 IN 1996. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SECOND WIFE, DAGMAR, AND A  
13 BROTHER, IVAN. HIS WIFE, DAGMAR, WAS HERE I THINK EIGHT OR  
14 NINE YEARS AGO AND VISITED THIS COUNTY. AND I HAD THE  
15 PRIVILEGE OF MEETING HER AND MAKING A PRESENTATION TO HER. AND  
16 I THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU MAY HAVE BEEN ON THE CITY  
17 COUNCIL, THEN, TOO, IN THE EARLY 1990S, VACLAV HAVEL MADE A  
18 VISIT TO LOS ANGELES AND HE CAME TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF LOS  
19 ANGELES AND MADE A VERY ELOQUENT SPEECH. I BROUGHT TWO OF HIS  
20 BOOKS, I'VE READ ALMOST EVERYTHING HE'S EVER WRITTEN, FOR HIM  
21 TO SIGN. AND HE WAS GENUINELY AMAZED THAT A CITY COUNCILMAN OF  
22 LOS ANGELES WOULD HAVE, AS HE PUT IT, "TIME TO READ MY BOOKS."  
23 HE WAS A GREAT MAN, AND WITH TIME HIS GREATNESS WILL EVEN BE  
24 GREATER APPRECIATED. ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ON THAT ONE.  
25 CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK, A PROLIFIC



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1 WASHINGTON-BASED ESSAYIST, COLUMNIST, AND AUTHOR KNOWN FOR HIS  
2 SHARP POLEMICAL STYLE, DIED AT THE AGE OF 62 AFTER AN 18-MONTH  
3 BATTLE WITH ESOPHAGEAL CANCER. HE WAS BORN IN ENGLAND, IS ONE  
4 OF TWO SONS OF A NAVAL OFFICER AND HIS WIFE. HE WAS SCHOOLED  
5 IN OXFORD AND BECAME ACTIVE IN SOCIALIST POLITICS AND FIRST  
6 MET A FUTURE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BY THE NAME OF  
7 BILL CLINTON, THEN A STUDENT OF OXFORD AS WELL. DURING THE  
8 1970S, HE WAS A REPORTER AND POLITICAL JOURNALIST IN ENGLAND,  
9 BUT IN 1981 RELOCATED PERMANENTLY TO THE UNITED STATES, WHERE  
10 HE EVENTUALLY OBTAINED CITIZENSHIP, AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.  
11 DURING THE '90S, OUTRAGED BY THE FATWA OR RELIGIOUS DEATH  
12 SENTENCE THAT IRAN ISSUED AGAINST HIS FRIEND, THE WRITER  
13 SALMAN RUSHDIE, FOR ALLEGED HERECIES AGAINST ISLAM. HITCHENS  
14 GREW INCREASINGLY ALARMED BY THE GLOBAL THREAT POSED BY SOME  
15 OF THE RADICALS IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD AND ITS TERRORIST  
16 ADHERENCE. HIS BREAK WITH MUCH OF THE TRADITIONAL LEFT WAS  
17 CEMENTED AFTER THE 9/11 ATTACKS WHEN HE CONDEMNED THE MENACE  
18 THAT CAUSED THE ATTACKS AND AGGRESSIVELY SUPPORTED THE BUSH  
19 ADMINISTRATION'S AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ WAR POLICIES. HE IS  
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, CAROL BLUE; THEIR DAUGHTER, ANTONIA; TWO  
21 CHILDREN FROM A PREVIOUS MARRIAGE, ALEXANDER AND SOPHIA; AND A  
22 BROTHER, PETER. MONTE FACTOR, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR  
23 DISTRICT IN PACIFIC PALISADES. PROMINENT BEVERLY HILLS  
24 HABERDASHER AND A SIGNIFICANT PATRON OF THE ARTS IN EMERGING  
25 POST-WAR LOS ANGELES, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 94. HE WAS



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1 BORN IN ST. LOUIS, HE WAS A NEPHEW OF THE LEGENDARY MAKEUP  
2 ENTREPRENEUR MAX FACTOR AND MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY TO L.A. IN  
3 THE 1920S. AFTER SERVING IN WORLD WAR II IN THE NAVY, WHERE HE  
4 SAW ACTION DURING THE NORMANDY INVASION, HE RETURNED TO LOS  
5 ANGELES AND SOON OPENED A SMALL MEN'S STORE IN BEVERLY HILLS,  
6 WHICH HIS FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. AN  
7 EARLY FASCINATION WITH MODERN ART INSPIRED HIM TO BEGIN WHAT  
8 BECAME A SUBSTANTIAL AND IMPORTANT ART COLLECTION WHICH HE  
9 AMASSED IN PART BUY TRADING FINE CLOTHING TO SUCH ARTISTS AS  
10 ED KIENHOLZ AND OTHERS IN RETURN FOR THEIR ART WORKS, MANY OF  
11 WHICH CAN NOW BE FOUND IN THE COLLECTIONS OF THE L.A. COUNTY  
12 MUSEUM OF ART AND OTHER MUSEUMS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
13 DAUGHTER, DIANE; AND SON, TOM; FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND OTHER  
14 FAMILY MEMBERS. LOREN MILLER, JR., A RETIRED JUDGE OF LOS  
15 ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74. HE  
16 WAS A GRANDSON OF A SLAVE AND SON OF CELEBRATED CIVIL RIGHTS  
17 ATTORNEY LOREN MILLER, SR., WHO SUCCESSFULLY ARGUED BEFORE THE  
18 U.S. SUPREME COURT IN THE LANDMARK 1947 CASE STRIKING DOWN  
19 RESTRICTIVE HOUSING COVENANTS. GRADUATE OF LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL,  
20 HE SERVED FOR SIX YEARS AS A DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL IN THE  
21 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS AND  
22 TAX DIVISIONS, LATER WORKING FOR THE WESTERN CENTER FOR LAW  
23 AND POVERTY AND IN PRIVATE PRACTICE BEFORE HE WAS APPOINTED TO  
24 THE MUNICIPAL COURT BENCH BY GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN IN 1975. HE  
25 IS SURVIVED BY A DAUGHTER, ROBIN MILLER SLOAN, WHO CARRIES ON



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1 THE FAMILY TRADITION AS A THIRD GENERATION JUDGE IN THE LOS  
2 ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT. AND FINALLY, MARVIN SAUL, A LEGEND IN  
3 MY PART OF TOWN, A RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT FOR MANY YEARS,  
4 FOUNDER AND OWNER OF JUNIOR'S DELICATESSEN, WHO RECENTLY DIED  
5 OF A HEART ATTACK AT THE AGE OF 82 IN HIS HOME IN ENCINO.  
6 MARVIN WAS BORN AND RAISED IN ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY, AS A  
7 SON OF RESTAURATEURS. HE SERVED WITH THE AIR FORCE IN THE  
8 KOREAN WAR AND THEN HEADED WEST, HOPING TO STRIKE IT RICH AS A  
9 URANIUM MINER IN UTAH. WHEN THAT DIDN'T WORK OUT, HE CAME TO  
10 LOS ANGELES AND RETURNED TO THE FAMILY BUSINESS WORKING ODD  
11 JOBS TO FUND THE LAUNCH OF A SMALL SANDWICH SHOP. SELLING THE  
12 SHOP FOR A SMALL PROFIT A YEAR LATER, HE LEARNED THE DELI  
13 TRADE WORKING AT CANTER'S AND ASSEMBLED THE FINANCING FOR THE  
14 FIRST INCARNATION OF JUNIOR'S ON PICO BOULEVARD, WHICH OPENED  
15 IN 1959. RELOCATING IN 1967 TO ITS PRESENT LOCATION ON  
16 WESTWOOD BOULEVARD, JUNIOR'S BECAME ONE OF THE COMMUNITY'S  
17 MOST POPULAR AND BEST KNOWN DELIS, TODAY OPERATED BY HIS TWO  
18 SONS, DAVID AND JOHN. WITH HIS WIFE OF 52 YEARS, BETTY, THEY  
19 SURVIVED HIM ALONG WITH FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. JUNIOR'S REMAINS  
20 ONE OF THE HIGHEST GROSSING RESTAURANTS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
21 ANGELES. MARVIN WAS A GREAT COMMUNITY ACTIVIST, ACTIVE IN THE  
22 RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION, ACTIVE IN THE WESTWOOD COMMUNITY. AND  
23 HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF A LOT OF US WHO REPRESENT THAT AREA.  
24 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON ALL THOSE. I WAS HOLDING  
25 NO. 12. ACTUALLY MY PURPOSE IN HOLDING NO. 12 WAS TO PUT IT



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1 OVER TILL JANUARY 31. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU WERE ALSO  
2 HOLDING IT. THIS IS ON THE AMNESTY ISSUE. AND I'M SUGGESTING  
3 WE PUT THAT OVER TILL JANUARY 31. WITHOUT OBJECTION, DO WE  
4 HAVE ANYBODY? EVERYBODY WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC  
5 WAS HEARD ON THIS, CORRECT? OKAY. JANUARY 31. AND THE REASON  
6 FOR THAT IS I ANTICIPATE THAT BETWEEN NOW AND THEN THE  
7 CALIFORNIA JUDICIAL COUNCIL WILL HAVE HAD ITS NEXT MEETING,  
8 AND I'M ANTICIPATING THAT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED  
9 LAST WEEK AT OUR MEETING WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE JUDICIAL  
10 COUNCIL AT THE MEETING BEFORE THE 31ST AND WE'LL HAVE BETTER  
11 INFORMATION ON WHERE WE GO FROM THERE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT  
12 WILL BE THE ORDER. 55-F. THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT  
13 HERE? PROBATION? PARDON? OKAY. WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP, LET ME  
14 JUST SAY WHY I HELD IT. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S AN R.F.P.,  
15 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, THAT'S GOING TO BE ISSUED FOR THIS  
16 FUNCTION. THIS IS A SOLE-SOURCE \$4.2 MILLION CONTRACT THAT I  
17 UNDERSTAND NEEDS TO BE DONE BECAUSE OF THE -- CAL, ARE YOU  
18 HERE ON THIS? WHY DON'T YOU COME UP HERE? I'M NOT OBJECTING TO  
19 THE -- AS MUCH AS IT'S HARD TO SWALLOW, THE SOLE SOURCE  
20 CONTRACT BECAUSE IT'S GOT TO MOVE, BECAUSE THE DEMAND FOR  
21 THEIR SERVICES IS UPON US, BUT WHAT BOTHERED ME WAS THAT  
22 THERE'S A PROVISION IN THIS CONTRACT THAT ALLOWS FOR A ONE-  
23 YEAR ROLLOVER AFTER THE INITIAL -- WHAT IS THE INITIAL PERIOD  
24 HERE? SIX MONTHS?

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1   **CAL REMINGTON:** IT WILL INITIALLY GO THROUGH THE END OF THIS  
2   FISCAL YEAR.

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4   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IT'S ANOTHER SIX MONTHS. AND  
5   AFTER THAT, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT UNDER THIS CONTRACT TO ROLL IT  
6   OVER FOR ANOTHER, TO EXTEND IT BY ANOTHER YEAR.

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8   **CAL REMINGTON:** IF NEED BE.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST,  
11   I GOT IT. LET ME JUST -- TELL ME TO CUT TO THE CHASE IF YOU  
12   HAVE A PROBLEM THAT IF WE DO NEED TO CONTINUE IT, EXTEND THE  
13   CONTRACT, THAT WE DO IT IN 90-DAY INCREMENTS AFTER JUNE 30 OF  
14   2012. WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GO OUT WITH THE R.F.P. ON THIS?  
15   FOR THIS SERVICE?

16

17   **CAL REMINGTON:** WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THOSE R.F.P.S  
18   OUT NOW. WE'RE CONCERNED THAT IT COULD TAKE NINE TO TWELVE  
19   MONTHS. AND THAT'S WHY THE REQUEST TO ALLOW THAT TO ROLLOVER.  
20   BUT CERTAINLY, MR. CHAIR, IF YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT IN 90-DAY  
21   INCREMENTS, WE COULD DO THAT.

22

23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE'LL RE-VISIT THIS SOME TIME  
24   IN JUNE AND SEE WHERE YOU ARE. BECAUSE I'LL MOVE -- MR. KNABE,  
25   LET ME JUST PUT THAT ON THE TABLE.





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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS. I'M OKAY WITH  
3 THAT.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO THAT WILL BE THE AMENDMENT ON  
6 THE TABLE. MR. KNABE?

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, I MEAN, IF WE LOOK AT THE PRELIMINARY  
9 NUMBERS THAT WE'RE GETTING BACK ON THE PRELIMINARY REPORTS  
10 FROM YOU ALL AND THE C.E.O., IT DOES SEEM LIKE AN EXCESSIVE  
11 AMOUNT OF MONEY. WHETHER THEY'LL BE ABLE TO UTILIZE ALL THAT  
12 MONEY, THE NUMBERS AREN'T AS GREAT, RIGHT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT?

13

14 **CAL REMINGTON:** RIGHT. AND WE'RE NOT SURE, SUPERVISOR, WE JUST  
15 WANT TO ENSURE WE HAD ENOUGH TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES  
16 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE THE EARLY RELEASE, A LOT OF FOLKS AREN'T  
19 TAKING UP THESE SERVICES, SO DO WE HAVE SOME ABILITY TO  
20 READJUST THE SIZE OF THIS AWARD? I MEAN, I WOULD ASSUME BY THE  
21 AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU'RE ASKING FOR THAT YOU'RE ANTICIPATING  
22 EVERYBODY OF THE A.B.109 RELEASED IS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF THE  
23 SERVICES, AND THAT CERTAINLY HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE THUS FAR.

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1   **CAL REMINGTON:** NO, AND WE REALLY DON'T EXPECT THAT. WE DON'T  
2   EXPECT THAT. AND OF COURSE SOME OF THE PAROLEES WILL ABSORB  
3   AND NEED MORE OF THOSE FUNDS THAN OTHERS.

4

5   **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. I MEAN, THAT'S JUST THE NATURE  
6   OF THE BEAST. BUT I WOULD JUST -- YOU KNOW, THESE DOLLARS CAN  
7   BE ROLLED OUT AS NEEDED, CORRECT? AND NOT JUST A LUMP SUM  
8   BEING GIVEN TO A CONTRACTOR.

9

10   **CAL REMINGTON:** BUT IT WILL BE FEE FOR SERVICE, SUPERVISOR. SO  
11   IF THE SERVICES WEREN'T ACCESSED AT ALL, WE DON'T SPEND ANY  
12   MONEY. CERTAINLY THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE THE CASE.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S NOT GOING TO BE THE CASE. BUT CERTAINLY EARLY  
15   ON THESE FOLKS ARE NOT ASKING FOR THE SERVICE. OKAY. MR.  
16   CHAIR?

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** YES, ONE SECOND. ARE YOU DONE?  
19   SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** MY QUESTION IS ON THIS, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY AN  
22   R.F.P. WOULD TAKE NINE MONTHS TO A YEAR. WHY CAN'T SOMEBODY  
23   WRITE IT IN 30 DAYS?

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1   **CAL REMINGTON:** SUPERVISOR, I'VE ASKED THAT SAME QUESTION. BUT  
2   IT JUST --

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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** LET'S MAKE IT 30 DAYS. FIND ONE PERSON, I MEAN,  
5   COME ON. WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO CHANGE PROBATION. AND YOU  
6   GUYS ARE DOING THE SAME THING. AND NOT EVEN ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO  
7   ME WHY IT TAKES THAT LONG. THEY AUTHORED LEGISLATION AND PUT  
8   THIS PROGRAM IN OUR LAP WITHIN THREE MONTHS, OKAY? SO I'D LIKE  
9   AN R.F.P. TO BE WRITTEN. NOW I UNDERSTAND IT COULD BE OUT FOR  
10   30 DAYS OR EVEN 60 DAYS. AND IT MIGHT TAKE ANOTHER 30 DAYS TO  
11   ASSESS IT. BUT 90 DAYS IS ALL YOU SHOULD TAKE TO DO THIS.

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13   **CAL REMINGTON:** SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD CLARIFY, THE ACTUAL  
14   R.F.P. WILL BE WRITTEN AND RELEASED IN THE NEXT 45 TO 60 DAYS.

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. BUT WHY CAN'T IT BE WRITTEN AND RELEASED  
17   IN 30 DAYS?

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19   **SPEAKER:** MA'AM?

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21   **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IS SLOWING THIS THING DOWN? IT'S STANDARD, I  
22   KNOW WHAT STANDARD IS. I'M JUST SAYING THIS SHOULDN'T BE  
23   STANDARD.

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1 **SPEAKER:** WE CAN EXPEDITE IT ON OUR SIDE, MISS MOLINA, AND WE  
2 WILL DO THAT. WE'LL PROVIDE THE RESOURCES. WE WILL DO OUR  
3 PORTION OF THE R.F.P. AND WE'LL HAVE IT READY FOR --

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEN IT GOES TO WHO?

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7 **JERRY POWERS:** I BELIEVE IT HAS TO GO AND BE REVIEWED BY  
8 COUNSEL.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT SHOULD TAKE?

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12 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** AND WE WILL COMMIT TO EXPEDITING THIS  
13 ONE, AS WELL.

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15 **SUP. MOLINA:** TWO WEEKS, MAYBE?

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17 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK TWO WEEKS IS GOOD.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD. I'M SORRY? WELL, THE THING IS THEY'RE  
20 TAKING 30 DAYS TO WRITE IT, OKAY? NOW IT'S GOT TWO WEEKS IN  
21 COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW. THEN IT GOES WHERE?

22

23 **SPEAKER:** RISK MANAGEMENT HAS TO REVIEW IT AS WELL.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN THEY REVIEW IT AT THE SAME TIME THAT COUNTY  
2   COUNSEL IS REVIEWING IT?

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4   **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO COORDINATE. I  
5   WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THE NUMBERS, TOO. IT MAY BE THE ONE THAT  
6   WE DO NEED THE SECOND OPINION FROM OUTSIDE COUNSEL. BUT WE CAN  
7   PUT IT ON A FAST TRACK.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA:** WE NEED OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO REVIEW A SIMPLE --

10

11   **ANDREA ORDIN:** IF IT IS A SIMPLE ONE.

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13   **SUP. MOLINA:** -- R.F.P. FOR SECURING HOMELESS SHELTER BEDS,  
14   OKAY? FOR A VERY DISTINCT POPULATION.

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16   **ANDREA ORDIN:** WE HAVE A SPECIFIC POLICY FOR CONTRACTS OVER A  
17   CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR R.F.P.S. IF THIS HAPPENS TO FALL  
18   INTO THAT, WE WOULD NEED TO, FOR RISK MANAGEMENT PURPOSES,  
19   HAVE OUTSIDE COUNSEL. WE'LL CHECK. IF IT IS THAT KIND OF  
20   CONTRACT, WE'LL GET THEM ABOARD IMMEDIATELY.

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22   **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO MOST  
23   FOLKS FOR SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE AS SIMPLE AS THIS IS? SO  
24   I'M JUST ASKING YOU THAT THERE'S NO REASON THAT WITHIN 90 DAYS  
25   YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE AN R.F.P. OUT AND READY TO BE ASSESSED.



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1   THERE'S JUST NO REASON. I MEAN IF YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT THAT  
2   REASON COULD BE, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IT IS.

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4   **JERRY POWERS:** MS. MOLINA, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING WE CAN ON THE  
5   PROBATION SIDE TO DO EXACTLY THAT. AND IF WE DO ENCOUNTER  
6   OBSTACLES --

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8   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHEN IT LEAVES YOUR OFFICES, CAN YOU CONTACT  
9   ME?

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11   **JERRY POWERS:** THAT WAS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY. IF WE  
12   ENCOUNTER OBSTACLES THAT WE THINK ARE GOING TO DELAY THAT  
13   PROCESS, THAT WE CAN'T GET THROUGH, WE'LL CERTAINLY INFORM THE  
14   BOARD OF THAT.

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN ONCE THEY FINISH THAT PROCESS, IT GETS  
17   ISSUED, RIGHT? DO YOU ISSUE IT? OR WHO ISSUES IT?

18

19   **JERRY POWERS:** THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH  
20   L.A.'S PROCESS ON THAT.

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22   **SPEAKER:** WE ACTUALLY ISSUE IT, SUPERVISOR.

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24   **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IT GOES BACK TO YOU THEN.

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1 **SPEAKER:** YES. WE'RE THE ONES WHO ACTUALLY ISSUE IT AND MAKE IT  
2 AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO --

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND HOW LONG DO YOU THINK YOU'LL HAVE IT OUT ON  
5 THE COMMUNITY?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** WE COULD EXPEDITE THAT PROCESS, AS WELL. GENERALLY  
8 ANYWHERE BETWEEN ANOTHER POSSIBLE TWO WEEKS TO 30 DAYS.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** 30 DAYS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH. AND THEN IT CAN COME  
11 BACK AND YOU CAN EVALUATE IT IN TWO WEEKS, RIGHT?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** YES, WE CAN DO THE EVALUATION IN TWO WEEKS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. SO NOW WE'VE REMOVED ALL OF THE RED  
16 TAPE. SO THERE IS NO REASON THAT THIS SHOULDN'T BE DONE BEFORE  
17 SIX MONTHS ARE UP, RIGHT?

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19 **JERRY POWERS:** WE WILL NOTIFY YOU IF WE HAVE OBSTACLES THAT ARE  
20 GOING TO DELAY US BEYOND SIX MONTHS.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THESE OBSTACLES  
23 ARE. ANY TIME YOU TELL ME THESE DATES, IT'S JUST HARD FOR ME  
24 TO UNDERSTAND WHY.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER DISCUSSION?  
2   WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS AMENDED, KNABE MOVES, RIDLEY-THOMAS  
3   SECONDS. OH, I'M SORRY. WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD.  
4   SORRY, SORRY. MAY I ASK EVERYBODY TO LIMIT YOUR COMMENTS TO  
5   ONE MINUTE IN THE INTEREST OF TRYING TO MANAGE THE TIME?  
6   BECAUSE WE HAVE ABOUT 10 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS.  
7   I'LL ASK FOUR PEOPLE TO COME UP AT THE SAME TIME. CHRISTINE  
8   WANG. ALBERT NOVELOZO, MARY SUTTON, AND DAVID CHAVEZ. I'M  
9   AWARE SOME OF YOU HAVE ASKED TO COME UP ON A-6. YOU WILL BE  
10   CALLED UP ON THAT ITEM LATER. ARE YOU MISS WANG?

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12   **CHRISTINE WANG:** YES.

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14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

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16   **CHRISTINE WANG:** THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. I AM A MEMBER  
17   OF CRITICAL RESISTANCE. OUR ORGANIZATION SEEKS TO LIMIT THE  
18   EXPANSION OF THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. AND WE ARE VERY  
19   CONCERNED THAT THE R.F.P. BEING SENT OUT IS -- WE HOPE THAT IT  
20   ULTIMATELY WILL ALLOW L.A. COUNTY TO INSTEAD OF EXPAND JAIL  
21   CAPACITY, PERHAPS EXPAND THE COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND  
22   ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. WE FEEL THAT THERE'S CLEAR  
23   EVIDENCE THAT DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND ALTERNATIVES TO  
24   INCARCERATION SAVE MONEY AND IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY IN BOTH  
25   SHORT AND LONG-TERM. PEOPLE WHO WILL BE RETURNING TO YOUR



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1 COUNTY ARE IN NEED OF EDUCATION, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL SERVICES,  
2 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND TREATMENT SERVICES AND LIFE SKILLS  
3 SERVICES THAT COULD BE PROVIDED MUCH MORE CHEAPLY, EFFECTIVELY  
4 AND COMPREHENSIVELY OUTSIDE OF JAIL.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. THANK YOU. ALBERT NOVELOZO.

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8 **ALBERT NOVELOZO:** GOOD MORNING.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

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12 **ALBERT NOVELOZO:** WITH STATE LEGISLATION THAT WAS PUT DOWN ON  
13 OUR LAPS AS BOARD MEMBERS AT THE STATE, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US  
14 TO ACT QUICKLY ON A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE BEING ASKED FOR  
15 FROM THE CITY. I THINK WHEREAS YES, WE DO HAVE TO ACT QUICKLY,  
16 BUT ALSO I ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO LOOK AT ALL THESE  
17 ITEMS ARE A FINE COMB AND UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF THE  
18 SITUATION WE ARE IN. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO  
19 REALLY TO BE LEADERS OF THE NATION WITH THIS REALIGNMENT  
20 ACTIVITY GOING ON. AND I COMMEND YOU BOARD MEMBER MOLINA,  
21 BECAUSE I THINK IT'S REAL IMPORTANT. AND I WANT TO JUST LET  
22 YOU GUYS KNOW THAT IN THE COMMUNITY, WE ARE PREPARED TO TAKE  
23 ON NEW RESPONSIBILITIES. AND THERE ARE WAYS THAT COMMUNITY-  
24 BASED PROGRAMS CAN ADDRESS THESE ISSUES THAT WE'RE GETTING ALL  
25 THESE NON, NON, NONS. AND \$4.2 MILLION IS A LOT OF MONEY. AND



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1 PLEASE JUST CONTINUE TO LOOK AT THESE ITEMS WITH A FINE COMB  
2 AND KNOW THAT US IN THE COMMUNITY ARE PREPARED TO ADDRESS  
3 THESE ISSUES AND WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING DOWN FROM THE  
4 STATE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ALBERT. MARY  
7 SUTTON?

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9 **MARY SUTTON:** YEAH, I'M MARY SUTTON, I REPRESENT CRITICAL  
10 RESISTANCE AND CURB, WHICH IS A STATEWIDE ALLIANCE OF OVER 40  
11 ORGANIZATIONS FIGHTING CALIFORNIA'S PLANS TO BUILD MORE PRISON  
12 AND JAILS. CAN I GET SOME CLARIFICATION ON THIS? I AGREE WITH  
13 GLORIA THAT HOPEFULLY THESE R.F.P.S WILL BE EXPEDITED. I WAS  
14 AT A MEETING. I HEARD THEY WERE GOING TO BE PUT OUT THE WEEK  
15 AFTER THANKSGIVING. SO I AGREE. IT SHOULD BE HURRIED ALONG  
16 BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE BEING -- REENTERING THEIR COMMUNITIES AND  
17 THEY NEED SUPPORT. BUT CAN YOU CLARIFY THIS? \$4.2 MILLION, BUT  
18 THEN IN PARENTHESES, IT SAYS THIS MUCH FOR PROBATION AND THIS  
19 MUCH FOR THE SHERIFF. ARE THEY THE ONES DECIDING WHERE THAT  
20 MONEY'S GOING? IS THAT WHY THAT -- COULD YOU JUST EXPLAIN  
21 THAT? I'M CONFUSED.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL HAVE THAT EXPLAINED AFTER  
24 WE'RE DONE WITH THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

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1   **MARY SUTTON:** IF YOU WOULD, I'D APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU.

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3   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** DAVID CHAVEZ, BEFORE YOU START,  
4   LET ME ASK STACEY JOHNSON, ANGELA AUSTIN, AND SUSAN BURTON TO  
5   COME DOWN. MR. CHAVEZ.

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7   **DAVID CHAVEZ:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. SO THIS  
8   CONTRACT RIGHT NOW THAT PROBATION IS GOING FOR, IT'S A SMALL  
9   STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. I REALLY WANT TO CLARIFY REALLY,  
10   REALLY SMALL, RIGHT? 4.2 MILLION ONLY REPRESENTS LESS THAN 4  
11   PERCENT OF WHAT A.B.109 MONEY WAS GIVEN HERE TO L.A. COUNTY.  
12   SO WE'RE SAYING THAT LESS THAN 4 PERCENT IS GOING TO GO  
13   TOWARDS HOUSING PEOPLE COMING HOME AND GETTING DIRECT  
14   SERVICES. AND IT'S INTERESTING THAT THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
15   IS TAKING SUCH A LONG TIME TO DO THIS, YET THEY WERE  
16   IMMEDIATELY ABLE TO HIRE NEW OFFICERS AND TO THINK OF WAYS TO  
17   INCARCERATE THESE PEOPLE COMING HOME. SO I JUST THINK WE NEED  
18   TO MAKE IT REALLY CLEAR THAT CALIFORNIA ITSELF HAS A 30-YEAR  
19   HISTORY THAT SHOWS US THAT CONSTRUCTION AND FOCUSING ON  
20   PUNISHMENT IS NOT THE WAY TO SOLVE OVERCROWDING OR THE WAY TO  
21   SUPPORT PEOPLE COMING HOME FROM PRISON. WE NEED TO BE  
22   INVESTING IN SERVICES BUT ALSO SERVICES THAT ARE RUN BY  
23   FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE. I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST  
24   IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THIS. SO, YES, LET'S CONTINUE TO LOOK AT



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1 THIS PROBLEM IN A POSITIVE WAY AND INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES,  
2 NOT INVEST IN MORE POLICING OR JAILS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** STACY JOHNSON?

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6 **STACEY JOHNSON:** HELLO. MY NAME IS STACEY JOHNSON AND I'M A  
7 FORMER RESIDENT OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE. I GOT OUT OF PRISON FOUR  
8 MONTHS AGO. I WENT TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE, BUT I HAD TO LEAVE  
9 BECAUSE I HAD A MINOR SETBACK. GOT INTO AN ALTERCATION. SO NOW  
10 I'M BEGGING FOR MISS BURTON TO ALLOW ME TO COME BACK. BECAUSE  
11 IT'S AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM. AND SHE REALLY HELPED ME A LOT. AND  
12 I JUST REALLY THINK THAT IT'S A SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM. WE  
13 DON'T NEED JAILS. WE NEED MORE PROGRAMS LIKE A NEW WAY OF  
14 LIFE. THAT'S BASICALLY ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ANGELA AUSTIN.

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18 **ANGELA AUSTIN:** HI, I'M ANGELA AUSTIN. AND I AM A RESIDENT OF A  
19 NEW WAY OF LIFE. I WAS IMPRISONED FOR FOUR YEARS. I'VE ABOUT  
20 IN NEW WAY OF LIFE FOR JUST ABOUT SIX MONTHS. IT'S A GREAT  
21 PROGRAM. IT'S STRUCTURED, IT'S SAFE, AND IT'S BETTER THAN  
22 PRISONS. I'M IN SCHOOL. MS. BURTON PROVIDES CLOTHING, SHELTER,  
23 WE HAVE GROUP, IT'S MANAGED, IT'S A GREAT PLACE. THAT WOULD BE  
24 MUCH BETTER THAN COUNTY FACILITIES BECAUSE THOSE PLACES DO NOT





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1 REHABILITATE AND THEY DON'T HELP AND THAT'S BASICALLY ALL I  
2 HAVE TO SAY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUSAN BURTON.

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6 **SUSAN BURTON:** I'M SUSAN BURTON.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** BEFORE YOU START, LET ME JUST CALL  
9 THE LAST SPEAKERS UP. CHARsLEEN POE AND QUINTELLA GROSS. OKAY,  
10 MS. BURTON.

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12 **SUSAN BURTON:** YEAH, I'M SUSAN BURTON. I'M THE FOUNDING  
13 DIRECTOR OF A NEW WAY OF LIFE REENTRY PROJECT. AND I AM A  
14 FORMER PRISONER. AFTER MY BOUT IN PRISON I SAW WHAT COULD  
15 HAPPEN IN THE COMMUNITY WHEN I RECEIVED SERVICES AND I  
16 COMMITTED MY LIFE TO CREATING A SPACE WHERE WOMEN CAN  
17 TRANSITION, REUNITE WITH THEIR CHILDREN, BE TREATED WITH  
18 DIGNITY, RESPECT, HAVE THE RESOURCES AND DIRECTION TO GET  
19 THEIR LIVES ON TRACK AND BECOME A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF THIS  
20 COMMUNITY. AND RIGHT NOW I JUST WANT TO APPLAUD YOU ALL FOR  
21 THE DIRECTION THAT YOU'VE TAKEN TO ACTUALLY BEGIN TO STEP IN  
22 THE WAY OF FAITH IN COMMUNITIES AND SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES  
23 THROUGH THIS PROBATION ACT TO ACTUALLY SUPPORT SOME SERVICES.  
24 EVEN THOUGH IT'S A SMALL STEP, I SEE IT AS A STEP. AND I WANT  
25 TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THAT STEP. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY HAVE A



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1 HAPPY AND WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND HOPEFULLY IN THE NEW YEAR,  
2 WE CAN TAKE THIS EFFORT AND EXPAND IT OUT TO DO MORE. BECAUSE  
3 I KNOW, I SEE IT WORKS.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. APPRECIATE THAT. MISS  
6 POE.

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8 **CHARSLEEN POE:** YES, I'M ALSO A PRODUCT OF NEW WAY OF LIFE. MS.  
9 BURTON HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE. SHE OFFERS A DRUG-  
10 FREE, STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT AND SHE HAS BEEN SUPPORT IN TIME  
11 OF NEED. WHILE I WAS RESIDING IN NEW WAY OF LIFE I WAS ABLE TO  
12 GET OFF PAROLE. I WAS OFFERED HOUSING. AND I ALSO WAS OFFERED  
13 SCHOOL. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MS. GROSS.

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17 **QUINTELLA GROSS:** YES. SINCE I'VE BEEN OUT OF JAIL, I GOT OUT  
18 AUGUST 27, I WENT TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE. AND IT'S A VERY  
19 STRUCTURED PROGRAM. IT'S SAFE. AND MS. BURTON'S A GREAT WOMAN.  
20 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THAT CLOSES THE  
23 PUBLIC HEARING. DID YOU WANT TO ANSWER THAT ONE QUESTION THAT  
24 THE LADY HAD?

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1     **JERRY POWERS:** I DID ANSWER IT.

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3     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT? JUST FOR  
4     THE PUBLIC THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED.

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6     **JERRY POWERS:** THE QUESTION SHE HAD WAS HOW WE GOT TO THE 4.2  
7     MILLION FOR THE 2011 AMOUNT. AND IT INCLUDES \$200,000 FROM  
8     SHERIFF'S RESOURCES AND 4 MILLION FROM PROBATION RESOURCES.  
9     BUT THE REASON THAT WE'RE BOTH CONTRIBUTING IS BECAUSE SOME OF  
10    THE SERVICES ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO BE USED BY FOLKS WHO ARE  
11    COMING OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S FACILITIES AND NEED IT FOR REENTRY  
12    PURPOSES AND TRANSITIONAL PURPOSES COMING OUT OF CUSTODY. SO  
13    THAT'S HOW WE GOT TO THE 4.2 MILLION. WE KIND OF  
14    PROPORTIONALLY LOOKED AT WHO IS GOING TO USE WHAT AMOUNT OF  
15    SERVICES.

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17    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT ANY FURTHER  
18    DISCUSSION, KNABE MOVES, RIDLEY-THOMAS SECONDS AS AMENDED.  
19    WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. YEAH, THAT'S ALL I WAS  
20    HOLDING. WE HAVE THE SHERIFF IS HERE. WE NEED TO GO INTO A  
21    CLOSED SESSION WITH HIM BECAUSE HIS TIME IS LIMITED AND WE CAN  
22    COME BACK OUT HERE. BUT WHILE THEY'RE FIXING THE ROOM BACK  
23    THERE, WHY DON'T WE HAVE THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS, SUPERVISOR  
24    KNABE?

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST OF ALL, THAT I  
2   WOULD MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSE TESORIERO,  
3   BELOVED MOTHER OF A GREAT FRIEND, JOHNNY, WHO PASSED AWAY  
4   RECENTLY AT THE AGE OF 90. SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, JOHNNY,  
5   ANTHONY, ROSALIE, WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HER INCREDIBLE  
6   HUSBAND, TONY, AND BELOVED DAUGHTER, CAROLYN. SHE'LL BE MISSED  
7   BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND EVERYONE THAT KNEW HER. AS  
8   JOHNNY PUT IT, "MOM HAD A GOOD, LONG LIFE AND NOW SHE'S  
9   SHINING DOWN UPON US." OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE  
10   ARE WITH THE TESORIERO FAMILY. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
11   DR. JOE YAO, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 18 AT THE AGE OF 82.  
12   HE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1953 TO ATTEND THE  
13   UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA. COMPLETED HIS PH.D. IN FORESTRY AT THE  
14   UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA. TAUGHT AT MISSISSIPPI STATE. HE  
15   OWNED AND RAN SEVERAL BUSINESSES BEFORE RETIRING IN 2000. HE  
16   IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 42 YEARS, MIN; TWO SONS, BING AND  
17   HAOL; AND THEIR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN. HAOL ALSO HAPPENS TO BE  
18   THE FIANCÉE OF A STAFF MEMBER OF MINE, REBECCA. ALSO WE ADJOURN  
19   IN MEMORY OF LILY DOMINGUEZ AND HENRY DOMINGUEZ, WHO PASSED  
20   AWAY RECENTLY. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO FAMILY. THEY ARE  
21   SURVIVED BY THEIR BROTHER, GEORGE, A LONGTIME CERRITOS  
22   RESIDENT AND A PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
23   IN MEMORY OF A GREAT ATHLETE AND COACH, AND THAT'S GENE "SKIP"  
24   ROWLAND WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 17 AT THE AGE OF 84.  
25   THREE-YEAR LETTERMAN IN FOOTBALL, BASEBALL AND BASKETBALL AT



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1 LONG BEACH WILSON. ALL-C.I.F. PLAYER IN FOOTBALL AND  
2 BASKETBALL. 1945 LONG BEACH FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR. HE  
3 WENT ON TO LETTER FOUR YEARS AT U.C.L.A. IN BOTH BASEBALL AND  
4 FOOTBALL. WAS ALL LEAGUE IN BASEBALL. HE COACHED BASEBALL,  
5 FOOTBALL AND GOLF AT WILSON. HE IS IN SIX DIFFERENT HALLS OF  
6 FAME, WILSON, CENTURY CLUB U.C.L.A., U.C.L.A. BASEBALL, C.I.F.  
7 AND LONG BEACH BASEBALL. HE WAS AN INCREDIBLE MAN. EVERY ONCE  
8 IN A WHILE SORT OF HAD A GRUFF EXTERIOR BUT HE WAS A  
9 COMPASSIONATE HUMAN BEING, THAT ENDEARED TO TEAMMATES,  
10 STUDENTS, AND OPPONENTS. HE HAS TOUCHED MANY, MANY LIVES. HE'S  
11 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, LORNA; FOUR CHILDREN, KATHY, ROBIN,  
12 SANDY, AND TERRY; AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN  
13 MEMORY OF JUDY JANKOWSKI, FORMER GENERAL MANAGER OF K.K.J.Z.,  
14 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 61 ON DECEMBER 17. SHE WAS  
15 PRESIDENT OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC BROADCASTERS, WORKED  
16 DILIGENTLY TO HELP PUBLIC RADIO SURVIVE THROUGH GRANTS,  
17 AWARENESS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS. SHE LOVED TO READ. LOVED TO  
18 TRAVEL. GREAT OUTLOOK IN LIFE. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY HER  
19 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHER, NIECE, AND  
20 SISTER-IN-LAW. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TONY TEMPLEMAN, A  
21 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ARTESIA, OWNER OF ADVANCED RADIATOR AND  
22 AIR CONDITIONING IN DOWNING. SURVIVED BY WIFE OF 53 YEARS,  
23 JANICE; THEIR THREE SONS, PHILLIP, KIRK, BRYAN; AND ONE  
24 GRANDSON. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOANIE ENKHORN-LA  
25 RUSSO, WHO PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER 4 AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 53.



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1 SHE GRADUATED FROM BELLFLOWER HIGH SCHOOL. SHE WAS KNOWN AND  
2 RESPECTED FOR HER LOVE OF LIFE AND BRINGING JOY TO OTHERS  
3 THROUGH HER SELFLESS GIVING. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF  
4 33 YEARS, JOSEPH; PARENTS, PETER, SR., AND JEAN; TWO CHILDREN,  
5 NATHAN AND BRIAN; FOUR SIBLINGS; TWO GRANDCHILDREN, LAINEY AND  
6 JOSHUA; AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. AND ALSO FINALLY  
7 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TED PAULSON, A FORMER R.P.V.  
8 PLANNING COMMISSIONER AND PALOS VERDES LIBRARY DISTRICT  
9 TRUSTEE PASSED AWAY IN NOVEMBER AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH  
10 CANCER. AFTER HIS RETIREMENT FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON  
11 AND THE U.S. ARMY RESERVES, TED SERVED THE CITY AND LOCAL  
12 LIBRARY WITH DISTINCTION. UPON LEAVING THE LIBRARY BOARD HE  
13 JOINED THE FRIENDS' BOARD AND BECAME ITS PRESIDENT. UNDER HIS  
14 LEADERSHIP, THEY BECAME A KEY FUNDRAISING ARM AND LIBRARY  
15 DISTRICT. CONTINUED TO ASSIST THE FRIENDS WHEN HIS TERM AS  
16 PRESIDENT ENDED. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 51 YEARS,  
17 PATRICIA; AND A SON AND A DAUGHTER, JOHN AND HILLARY; AND  
18 THEIR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN. MR. CHAIRMAN, THOSE ARE MY  
19 ADJOURNMENTS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. SUPERVISOR  
20 ANTONOVICH.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO WANT TO JOIN IN VACLAV HAVEL'S  
23 ADJOURNMENT. HE WAS A GREAT LEADER OF FREEDOM IN THE TRADITION  
24 OF MARGARET THATCHER AND HIS LEADERSHIP WILL BE MISSED. ALSO  
25 TO MOVE IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM GREGORY KING, WHO PASSED AWAY ON





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1 DECEMBER 13. HE SERVED AS THE TREASURER OF THE CITY OF SAN  
2 MARINO FROM 1971 TO 75. HE WAS ACTIVE MEMBER FOR THE  
3 HUNTINGTON INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH WHERE HE SERVED AS  
4 TREASURER, VICE PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT. AND HE WORKED FOR 33  
5 YEARS WITH THE FIRST INTERSTATE BANK. ADJOURNMENT FOR ARTHUR  
6 WILLIAM BARTH, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 99, A 71-YEAR  
7 RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LOCAL  
8 ELKS, ANTELOPE VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND TRUSTEE OF THE  
9 WEST SIDE SCHOOL BOARD AND SERVED ON THE COUNTY ROAD  
10 COMMITTEE. JAMES "JIM" ALLEN BOLZ, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
11 83. WORLD WAR II AND KOREAN VETERAN. LIVED IN ANTELOPE VALLEY  
12 FOR 60 YEARS, ACTIVE IN THE LIONS CLUB. SERVED THE COMMUNITY  
13 AS A SANTA CLAUS FOR THE PAST 50 YEARS. MEMBER OF THE VETERANS  
14 OF FOREIGN WARS. WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER ORGANIZING OFFICER OF  
15 THE RANCHERS BANK AND AS PRESIDENT OF THE QUARTZ HILL CHAMBER  
16 OF COMMERCE. ROBERT KOYLE, III, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 26.  
17 HE WAS A GRADUATE OF QUARTZ HILL HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE JOINING  
18 THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WHERE HE SERVED AS COMMUNICATIONS  
19 SIGNALS ANALYST WITH THE 381ST INTELLIGENCE SQUADRON, WHERE HE  
20 RECEIVED THE AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS  
21 SERVICE TO THE AIR FORCE AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

22  
23 **IRIS LUCKEROTH, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78 WORKED FOR**  
24 **GENERAL ELECTRIC, LIVED 54 YEARS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY. WAS**  
25 **INVOLVED WITH THE SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND**



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1 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. MICHAEL  
2 PARKER, AGE 62, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LITTLE ROCK. JAMES  
3 WOODRUFF, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 66. HE WAS LOS ANGELES  
4 COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF AND HE WAS A RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE  
5 VALLEY. PEDRO GALVAN "PETE" SAIZ PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90.  
6 WORLD WAR II VETERAN, SERVED WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY,  
7 HOSPITAL CORPSMAN WITH FRANCE, AND A 65-YEAR RESIDENT OF  
8 LANCASTER. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS?

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10 >>SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR: WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
11 SUPERVISOR? SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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13 SUP. MOLINA: [OFF MIC.]-- BEFORE I READ IN MY ADJOURNMENTS,  
14 ONLY BECAUSE I THINK IT'S TIMELY, I THINK THAT MANY OF YOU  
15 HAVE PROBABLY HEARD THE ISSUES WITH REGARD TO SECURE  
16 COMMUNITIES, WHICH IS A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION PROGRAM. IT'S HARD  
17 TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT INTERFACES WITH US AND OUR  
18 RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES TO IT. BUT I WAS ALARMED TO HEAR  
19 ABOUT THE FOUR AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO RECEIVED AN ICE DETAINER  
20 WHILE IN CUSTODY OF THE SHERIFF. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IT. I  
21 INVESTIGATED ALL FOUR CASES. AND IT'S HARD FOR ME TO  
22 UNDERSTAND WHY AND HOW THE SHERIFF DEFERS TO ICE WHEN IN FACT  
23 SOMEONE CLAIMS TO BE AN AMERICAN CITIZEN AND THEY HAVE  
24 DOCUMENTS THAT PROVE THAT. THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE HAVE A DUTY  
25 AND A RESPONSIBILITY TO ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS AND ALL OF OUR



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1 CITIZENS TO ALLOW FOR A DUE PROCESS. RIGHT NOW, UNDER THE  
2 SECURE COMMUNITIES, THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE COMPLAINING ABOUT  
3 THE INFORMATION AND THAT DATABASE ITSELF. I CAN'T CONTROL WHAT  
4 SECURE COMMUNITIES DOES AND THE FACT THAT IT'S BEEN FORCED AND  
5 AN OVERLAY IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT THE ISSUE IS: THAT WHEN WE  
6 ARREST AN INDIVIDUAL AND HE CLAIMS TO BE A CITIZEN AND CANNOT  
7 GET BAIL OR IS NOT AFFORDED BAIL BECAUSE SECURE COMMUNITIES OR  
8 ICE HAS A HOLD ON THEM, I THINK THAT WE HAVE AN AFFIRMATIVE  
9 RESPONSIBILITY TO UNDERTAKE TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT CITIZEN IS  
10 ENTITLED TO THE FULL RIGHTS ALLOWED BY OUR CONSTITUTION. AND I  
11 DON'T SEE US DOING THAT. I AM SEEING US DEFER IT COMPLETELY TO  
12 ICE. SO, CONSEQUENTLY, I'M PUTTING TOGETHER -- I HAVE A MOTION  
13 HERE IN WHICH I'M ASKING THE SHERIFF, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
14 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALL OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE THAT WHEN AN  
15 INMATE CLAIMS TO BE A CITIZEN, THAT THERE IS SOME POSITIVE  
16 ACTION THAT IS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THOSE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS TO  
17 ASSIST THAT CITIZEN TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT ICE HOLD IS  
18 REMOVED. WHETHER THEY'RE RELEASED OR NOT IS A DIFFERENT ISSUE.  
19 BUT THE FACT THAT THEY SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO BAIL OR ALL THE  
20 OTHER RIGHTS THAT ARE ENTITLED TO CITIZENS. OF THE FOUR CASES  
21 THAT WERE PRESENTED BY THE A.C.L.U., I THINK THAT, AGAIN, WHEN  
22 YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE BORN HERE, YOU SEE THAT THEY ARE REAL  
23 PROBLEMS. WE CAN'T DO MUCH ABOUT IT AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, SO I  
24 HAVE A MOTION I'M HAVING MY STAFF PASS OUT THAT BASICALLY ASKS  
25 THAT WE ASK THE SHERIFF BACA TO DEVELOP A PROTOCOL WITHIN THE



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATE ANY CLAIMS OF  
2 CITIZENSHIP MADE BY THE PERSONS HELD IN COUNTY CUSTODY AS A  
3 RESULT OF THE ICE DETAINER, IF VALID, TO WORK WITH IMMIGRATION  
4 AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT TO REMOVE SUCH DETAINERS IMMEDIATELY.  
5 SHERIFF BACA IS REQUESTED TO REPORT TO THE BOARD IN WRITING,  
6 HOPEFULLY BY DECEMBER 30 AS TO WHAT THAT PROTOCOL SHOULD BE.  
7 NOT MAKING A DECISION THAT WE SHOULD PASS IT OR NOT, BUT I'D  
8 LIKE TO SEE WHAT THEY ARE DOING. RIGHT NOW IT'S BEEN HARD FOR  
9 US TO ASCERTAIN, IT SORT OF SEEMS THAT EVERYBODY PASSES THE  
10 BUCK, BUT I THINK THAT ONCE THE SHERIFF RECEIVES THIS INMATE,  
11 THERE SHOULD BE SOME POSITIVE ACTION THAT THEY ARE TAKING. AND  
12 I'D LIKE THEM TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING WHATEVER THAT  
13 PROTOCOL SHOULD BE. I AM ALSO ASKING THAT THE SHERIFF'S  
14 DEPARTMENT, WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND/OR THE DISTRICT  
15 ATTORNEY, LEARN THAT THERE'S AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER THAT HAS  
16 BEEN PLACED ON A CITIZEN, EACH OF THOSE OFFICERS SHOULD WORK  
17 WITH ICE IMMEDIATELY TO REMOVE SUCH A DETAINER. THE PUBLIC  
18 DEFENDER AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE A  
19 REPORT IN WRITING, AS WELL. I JUST THINK THAT WE NEED TO ASK  
20 THESE DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE A POSITIVE ACTION, NOT TO JUST PASS  
21 THE BUCK OVER TO ICE, WHEN IN FACT YOU HAVE A CITIZEN. I'M NOT  
22 ASKING WHAT DOCUMENTS, WHAT IS VALID, BUT I THINK THEY HAVE TO  
23 TAKE A POSITIVE ACTION INSTEAD OF JUST LETTING SOMEBODY SIT IN  
24 JAIL UNTIL THAT ICE DETAINER IS REMOVED. MANY OF THESE  
25 INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED BECAUSE THESE FOLKS HAVE BEEN CAPABLE



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1 OF GETTING A HOLD OF ATTORNEYS OR OTHERS. BUT THERE ARE MANY  
2 PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT CAPABLE OF IT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I'D LIKE THAT TO COME BACK.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO IS THIS A REPORT BACK? DO WE  
9 CONSIDER THIS A REPORT BACK?

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I SEE IT AS A REPORT BACK.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** SO DO I.

14

15 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK WE CAN SEE IT AS A REPORT BACK. YOU  
16 COULD SEE IT AS AN EMERGENCY MOTION. BUT IT COULD BE A REPORT  
17 BACK ON THE 10TH.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE IT AS A REPORT BACK, BECAUSE IT DOESN'T  
20 TELL US THAT WE'RE TAKING --

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OBJECTIONS TO HAVING A REPORT  
23 BACK? WE'RE NOT TAKING ANY ACTION TODAY UNTIL WE GET THE  
24 REPORT BACK. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE  
25 ORDER. DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING MOTION. I'D LIKE TO  
3 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LAURA ELENA SOTO DE  
4 MARQUEZ. SHE IS THE BELOVED MOTHER OF LONGTIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE  
5 JOSE MARQUEZ, WHO WORKS FOR COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES. WE  
6 WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO JOSIE AND HER ENTIRE  
7 FAMILY.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.  
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE NO ADJOURNING MOTIONS. ALL  
11 RIGHT. WE NEED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION BRIEFLY. WE'LL BE  
12 BACK OUT JUST ON THIS ONE ITEM. DO YOU WANT TO READ US INTO  
13 IT?

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
16 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
17 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-2, CONFERENCE  
18 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION. THANK YOU.

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21 **[CLOSED SESSION]**

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, WE'RE BACK IN SESSION--  
25 IN OPEN SESSION. WE HAVE NOTHING TO REPORT OUT OF CLOSED





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1 SESSION. SO NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA, SUP. KNABE, IT'S YOUR  
2 SPECIALS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** I BELIEVE I HELD -- LET'S START WITH 8. FIRST I  
5 HAD SOME QUESTIONS OF MR. BROWNING AND STAFF TO SORT OF GET  
6 SOME THINGS IN THE RECORD. IF WE COULD HAVE SOMEONE FROM  
7 D.P.S.S., AS WELL. THIS IS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION  
8 ON FOOD STAMPS FOR FOSTER YOUTH. LET ME BEGIN BY JUST SAYING  
9 THAT I OBVIOUSLY SUPPORT THE MOTION. BUT I THINK THERE ARE  
10 SOME THINGS WE NEED TO POINT OUT AND JUST GET ON THE RECORD.  
11 THIS POPULATION, THE 18 THROUGH 24 PARTICULARLY THOSE YOUNG  
12 PEOPLE LEAVING OUR FOSTER CARE OR PROBATION SYSTEM HAVE BECOME  
13 A REAL FOCUS, I THINK, OF ALL OF US UP HERE, AND RIGHTFULLY  
14 SO. BUT AS WE MAKE CHOICES AND PRIORITIZE, I DO THINK WE NEED  
15 TO BE MINDFUL OF PUTTING OUR RESOURCES, PARTICULARLY WHEN IT  
16 COMES TO THE MOST ACCEPTABLE KINDS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FOR  
17 THIS POPULATION, GENERAL RELIEF AND FOOD STAMPS. IT GOES BACK  
18 TO MY MOTION IN AN ATTEMPT NOT TO HURT ANYONE TO MAKE SURE WE  
19 HAVE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE TRULY IN NEED. THIS IS  
20 OBVIOUSLY A POPULATION THAT IS TRULY IN THIS NEED. AND WE HAVE  
21 FOUND THAT BASICALLY A THIRD OF THIS POPULATION IS OUT OF  
22 COMPLIANCE. BUT YET WE HAVE THIS GROWING NEED OF FIRST-TIME  
23 FOLKS AS WELL AS THIS POPULATION. I JUST, YOU KNOW, THINK WE  
24 NEED TO REALLY CLOSELY LOOK AT THESE PROGRAMS. I STRONGLY  
25 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. BUT I THINK IT POINTS OUT EVEN MORE WHEN



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1 WE ARE DEALING WITH LIMITED RESOURCES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF  
2 THIS POPULATION THAT WE REALLY LOOK THROUGH THIS WHOLE  
3 PROCESS. I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR QUESTION AS SUCH. I JUST  
4 WANTED TO MAKE THAT COMMENT AND GET IT ON THE RECORD. BUT IF  
5 YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS THAT COULD HELP US THROUGH THIS PROCESS,  
6 FINE; IF NOT, THEN I'M CONTENT TO SUPPORT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S  
7 MOTION.

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9 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** TWO MOTIONS UNDER ITEM 8, DO WE NOT?  
10 I'M TRYING TO RECONCILE.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE AMENDMENT I HAD --

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14 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOURS IS AN AMENDMENT?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD  
19 NEXT? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULD LIKE TO ENTERTAIN THE AMENDMENT  
22 AND THEN I WILL SPEAK, MR. CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE AMENDMENT, I COMMEND SUPERVISOR MARK  
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR HIS MOTION HERE. AND OUR AMENDMENT EXPANDS



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1 THAT TO DIRECT GOING BEYOND CALFRESH. I MIGHT STATE THAT LAST  
2 YEAR I VISITED HILLSIDE, WHICH IS A HOME FOR CHILDREN OF  
3 EMANCIPATION AND THEY HAVE A PROGRAM IN PLACE WHERE THEY TEACH  
4 THE KIDS TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT AND ALL. AND WHAT WE NEED TO  
5 HAVE IS THOSE TYPES OF PROGRAMS IN PLACE. SO WE NEED TO DO ALL  
6 OF THESE, TAKE ALL OF THESE AVENUES SO THAT WE MAKE THE  
7 EMANCIPATED YOUTH A PRODUCTIVE, SELF-SUFFICIENT YOUTH WHO WILL  
8 BE ABLE TO MOVE ON INTO THE SOCIETY AS A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER. SO  
9 THE AMENDMENT BASICALLY ALLOWS THE FULL THRUST OF INSURING  
10 THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THE ABILITY TO BECOME SELF-  
11 SUFFICIENT.

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13 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** CAN I JUST BE CLEAR ON ONE THING. I  
14 WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT YOUR AMENDMENT OR SOMEBODY'S  
15 AMENDMENT, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CALFRESH AND EXPANDING IT  
16 ELSEWHERE TO OTHER PROGRAMS, PROVIDED THAT THOSE PROGRAMS WERE  
17 NECESSARY FOR THE INDIVIDUAL. BUT WE WEREN'T GOING TO HAVE THE  
18 WHOLE BUREAUCRACY MOVE TO GET EVERYBODY IN TRANSITION,  
19 EVERYBODY WHO WAS EMANCIPATED ON TO THESE PROGRAMS WHETHER  
20 THEY NEEDED IT OR NOT. ODDS ARE A LOT OF THEM ARE GOING TO  
21 NEED IT. BUT AM I CORRECT IN THAT?

22

23 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL, I THINK THE QUESTION IS TWO PARTS, ONE  
24 OF WHICH, TO FOLLOW-UP ON SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S POSITION, I  
25 THINK D.C.F.S. CAN DO A LOT BETTER IN PREPARING THESE YOUNG



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1 ADULTS TO LEAVE THE SYSTEM. AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE WE REALLY  
2 NEED TO BE FOCUSING OUR EFFORTS. WE HAVEN'T DONE AS MUCH AS WE  
3 SHOULD HAVE. I WAS AT A GROUP FACILITY THE OTHER DAY JUST LIKE  
4 YOU, SUPERVISOR, WHERE I TALKED TO A NUMBER OF THE  
5 INDIVIDUALS, SOME OF WHICH HAD APPLIED FOR COLLEGE, SOME WERE  
6 LOOKING AT THE MILITARY, BUT THE GOAL IS NOT TO PUT EVERYONE  
7 ON CALFRESH, IT'S TO GET THEM SELF-SUFFICIENT. BUT THERE ARE  
8 SITUATIONS WHERE PEOPLE EXIT THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND WE  
9 WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNOW ALL OF THE BENEFITS TO WHICH  
10 THEY'RE ENTITLED, CALFRESH BEING THE ONE THAT WOULD PROVIDE  
11 THEM BENEFITS BUT ALSO IT HAS A WORK REQUIREMENT. AND I THINK  
12 THAT'S ONE OF THE COMPONENTS THAT THE CAL FRESH PROGRAM IS  
13 KNOWN FOR. AND HOPEFULLY IF WE HAVEN'T DONE A GOOD JOB IN  
14 D.C.F.S. OF PREPARING THESE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR EDUCATION OR A  
15 CAREER, AT LEAST THEY WOULD HAVE A WORK COMPONENT IF THEY WERE  
16 TO BE -- IF THEY WERE TO APPLY FOR CALFRESH.

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18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THE MATTER IS RATHER  
21 STRAIGHTFORWARD AND DIRECT, I BELIEVE. IT IS ESSENTIALLY TO  
22 SAY THAT WE KNOW, GIVEN OUR COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE AND  
23 KNOWLEDGE, THAT YOUNGSTERS AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE ARE THOSE  
24 WHO ARE, IN MANY RESPECTS, THE MOST VULNERABLE. SO THIS IS  
25 ESSENTIALLY AN EFFORT TO BE SMART ABOUT WHAT WE DESCRIBE AS



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1 SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THIS IS A WAY TO CAUSE THE SAFETY NET TO DO  
2 WHAT A SAFETY NET IS SUPPOSED TO DO. AND IN PART THAT MEANS  
3 PREVENT MORE HARM. SO THE DATA IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR. IT  
4 CONFIRMS THAT THOSE YOUNGSTERS WHO ARE AGING OUT OF FOSTER  
5 CARE ARE AT RISK FOR HOMELESSNESS, HUNGER AND ECONOMIC  
6 INSECURITY. THE INTERIM DEPARTMENT HEAD MAKES IT CLEAR THAT  
7 THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT DONE ALL THAT IT COULD; AND AS A RESULT  
8 OF THIS MOTION SEEKS TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT BY WAY OF BOARD  
9 ACTION TO BE MORE PROACTIVE; AND IN THAT WAY STABILIZE THE  
10 LIVES OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE IN WHOM WE HAVE MADE AN INVESTMENT  
11 UP TO THE POINT OF THEM AGING OUT. THE BALANCE OF THE  
12 INVESTMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE BY WAY OF CALFRESH. DOING SO IS  
13 NOT ONLY SMART BUT IT IS HUMANE. I WOULD HOPE TO ACCEPT THE  
14 AMENDMENT THAT HAS BEEN OFFERED AND THAT WE WOULD UNANIMOUSLY  
15 ADOPT THE MATTER BEFORE US.

16

17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** IS THERE DISCUSSION? IF NOT, WE'VE --  
18 WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD. SORRY. TRISH CURRY  
19 AND JOHN WALSH. TRISH MAY HAVE LEFT. OKAY.

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21 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT WALSH CONFIDENTIAL. GOOGLE  
22 IT. OR HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. THIS COUNTY HAS THE WORST  
23 RECORD IN AMERICA FOR DEALING WITH FOSTER CHILDREN. YOU'VE  
24 READ STORIES IN THE L.A. TIMES. ONE OF YOUR CHILDREN COMMITTED  
25 SUICIDE. WHERE ELSE DOES THAT HAPPEN? AND WHAT DO YOU SAY? WE



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1 HAVEN'T DONE AS MUCH AS WE SHOULD HAVE. NOW, THEY'RE CROOKED  
2 IN L.A., THE CITY OF L.A., BUT THEY DON'T KILL CHILDREN OVER  
3 THERE THE WAY YOU DO. THERE'S NOT ONE OF US THAT WOULD LOOK.  
4 AND ALSO 99 PERCENT OF THE CHILDREN ARE MINORITY. SO WHO DO  
5 YOU PICK AS YOUR DIRECTOR? A WHITE MAN. THAT, MR. MARK RIDLEY-  
6 THOMAS, IN THE WORDS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING IS RACIST. LET THE  
7 WHITES TAKE CARE OF THE WHITES AND LET THE MINORITIES TAKE  
8 CARE OF THE MINORITIES, MISS MOLINA. THIS MAN AND ALL OF THE  
9 PEOPLE YOU HAVE, HAVE BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS. THEY HAVE BLOOD ON  
10 THEIR HANDS. AND WE DON'T JUST DEAL WITH CITY ISSUES. I MEAN,  
11 JUST HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. I'M TELLING YOU, YOU OUGHT TO  
12 HANG YOUR HEAD IN SHAME. AND, MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HAS  
13 TAKEN TWO FOSTER CHILDREN, ERIC GARCETTI. AND HE WON'T EVEN  
14 ADMIT THAT HE HAS FOSTER CHILDREN. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG FOR  
15 ALL THE INFORMATION. YOU CAN TAKE BACK YOUR 25 SECONDS.

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17 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. RIDLEY-THOMAS MOVES. KNABE  
18 SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS AMENDED, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A LITTLE FRIENDLY COMPETITION MIGHT  
21 BE IN ORDER, MR. CHAIRMAN. THE DEPARTMENT MAKES NOTE OF THE  
22 FACT THAT ITS ENROLLMENT IS APPROXIMATELY AT 7 PERCENT. IN SAN  
23 DIEGO, THEY MOVED TO 60 PERCENT. THE NUMBERS ARE VERY  
24 DIFFERENT, THE RAW NUMBERS. AND THESE ARE JUST THE  
25 PERCENTAGES. SANTA CLARA IS 100 PERCENT. FRIENDLY INTERSTATE



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1 COMPETITION MIGHT BE, OR INTRASTATE COMPETITION MIGHT BE WORTH  
2 INSPIRING BETTER NUMBERS MR. BROWNING.

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4 **PHILIP BROWNING:** I HEAR YOU, SIR.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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8 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THIS IS ENROLLMENT IN CALFRESH  
9 PROGRAM.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. 60 PERCENT IN SAN DIEGO.

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13 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

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15 **SUP. KNABE:** I CALL UP ITEM 26.

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17 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ITEM 26.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THIS IS SORT OF GOING BACK TO A REPEATABLE ISSUE,  
20 PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO, SORT OF LARGE IN SCOPE AS IT  
21 RELATES TO A.B.12 AND THE IMPACT OF THAT MANDATE ON THE  
22 COUNTY. I'VE ASKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE AND JUST CONTINUE TO BE  
23 CONCERNED. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED OR BEEN TOLD THAT THIS WILL  
24 HAVE NO FISCAL IMPACT, THAT THE SAVINGS THAT WE SEE IN KIN GAP  
25 WILL COVER ANY COSTS THAT EXCEED THE COUNTY'S CURRENT





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1 COMMITMENT. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WE'VE BEEN TRACKING THIS FOR  
2 SOME TIME. AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE ON THIS. ARE THE  
3 SAVINGS REAL? ARE THE SAVINGS BEING MATERIALIZED? OR SORT OF  
4 WHERE ARE WE?

5

6 **PHILIP BROWNING:** OKAY, THE PROCESS WAS THE STATE LEGISLATION  
7 SAID THAT COUNTIES WOULD BE HELD HARMLESS BASED ON THE  
8 CONVERSION OF THE KIN GAP CASES TO A FEDERAL ELIGIBILITY  
9 STANDARD. SO WE'VE LOOKED. WE HAVE ABOUT 6600 KIN GAP CASES IN  
10 THE COUNTY. WE'VE LOOKED AT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THOSE. WE  
11 STILL HAVE A FEW THAT WE HAVE TO COMPLETE ELIGIBILITY  
12 DETERMINATION FOR. WE HAD ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 45 PERCENT OF  
13 THOSE WOULD BE FEDERALLY ELIGIBLE. IT TURNS OUT OUR ESTIMATES  
14 WERE PRETTY GOOD. IT LOOKS LIKE ABOUT 46 PERCENT AT THIS POINT  
15 WILL BE ELIGIBLE. WE BELIEVE THAT BASED ON THOSE ASSUMPTIONS,  
16 THAT THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM FOR THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR.  
17 THE LEGISLATION DOES SAY THAT COUNTIES WILL BE HELD HARMLESS  
18 UP TO THE AMOUNT OF THE KIN GAP CONVERSION. SO WE'RE PRETTY  
19 COMFORTABLE THAT WE'RE OKAY FOR THE IMMEDIATE NEXT 18 MONTHS.  
20 WE WILL BE MONITORING THIS AS EVERY OTHER COUNTY WILL BE JUST  
21 TO ENSURE --

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** AND YOU'LL KEEP US INFORMED, AS WELL, TOO.

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25 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WE'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED, SIR.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT ABOUT THE NEW MANDATE? IS THIS GOING TO  
3 CREATE A NEW FISCAL OBLIGATION FOR US?

4

5 **PHILIP BROWNING:** WELL IT DOES REQUIRE OR IT DOES PROVIDE  
6 ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOT NOW CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE  
7 FOR FOSTER CARE. AS YOU KNOW, WE'LL START SERVING 18 AND THEN  
8 19 AND POSSIBLY 20-YEAR-OLDS. THAT WILL GIVE THEM MORE TIME TO  
9 MATURE AND HOPEFULLY BECOME MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT. THAT DOES  
10 GIVE THEM THE OPTION TO SAY WE WANT TO STAY WHERE WE ARE. THEY  
11 COULD ALSO LEAVE. THEY COULD LEAVE THE PROGRAM AND NOT HAVE  
12 ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE A.B.12 PROCESS. SO NO ONE KNOWS. THE  
13 PROCESS IS A LITTLE UNCLEAR. JANUARY 1, 2012 IS WHEN THIS ALL  
14 STARTS. WE'RE STARTING SLOW BECAUSE WE EXPECT ABOUT 100 KIDS  
15 TO BE ELIGIBLE THE FIRST MONTH, 60 OR SO THE NEXT MONTH. SO  
16 IT'S A GRADUAL PHASED-IN PROCESS. BUT WE DO BELIEVE THAT WE'LL  
17 BE OKAY FOR THE SHORT-TERM. AND WE'LL CERTAINLY KEEP THIS  
18 BOARD INFORMED PROBABLY ON A QUARTERLY BASIS AT LEAST OF WHERE  
19 WE ARE.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIR. THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS. I WILL MOVE THE  
22 ITEM.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN I JUST ASK? AN AMENDMENT THAT WE ASKED  
25 PHIL BROWNING AND THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER IN PARTNERSHIP



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1 WITH THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY COMMITTEE TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS  
2 AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER ON A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSITION AGE  
3 YOUTH HOUSING PLAN INCORPORATING THE MANDATES OF A.B.12, STATE  
4 RE-ALIGNMENT IN MAXIMIZING THE AVAILABLE FUNDING THROUGH THE  
5 NECESSARY CHANGES, IF ANY, TO THE T.H.P.P. AND THE T.H.P. AND  
6 THE T.H.P. FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS.

7

8 **PHILIP BROWNING:** CERTAINLY REPORT BACK.

9

10 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS? DID YOU WANT  
11 TO SAY SOMETHING?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST VERY BRIEFLY. THE POLICY IMPULSES ARE  
14 THE SAME WITH THE TWO ITEMS WE'VE JUST TAKEN UNDER  
15 CONSIDERATION. AND I THINK THAT WHICH IS TO BE SEEN AS  
16 FORWARD-LOOKING WITH RESPECT TO OUR BEING PROACTIVE ABOUT THE  
17 CARE THAT'S AFFORDED THOSE WHO ARE VULNERABLE FOR NO REASON OF  
18 THEIR OWN DOING. THAT, TO MY WAY OF THINKING, WHAT HAS TO BE  
19 INFORMED BY ACCOUNTABILITY. IT SEEMS THAT WE MUST BE STEWARDS  
20 OF THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AFFORDED US. SO THE TENSION HERE, IT  
21 SEEMS TO ME, IS HOW DO WE DO THE RIGHT THING IN THE MOST  
22 HUMANE WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING FOR THE WELL-  
23 BEING OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE? AND AT THE SAME TIME, MAKE SURE  
24 THAT THOSE WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES ARE  
25 DOING IT CONSISTENT WITH THE LETTER AND THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW.



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1 I DON'T SEE THOSE AS DICHOTOMOUS. I DO NOT SEE THOSE AS  
2 CONFLICTUAL. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO DO BOTH.  
3 AND I THINK THAT WE CAN. AND I TRUST THAT THE ADOPTION OF THIS  
4 MOTION AND THE AMENDING LANGUAGE WILL ACCOMPLISH THOSE TWO  
5 OBJECTIVES.

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7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S MOVED. SECONDED BY RIDLEY-  
8 THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. ANYTHING ELSE THAT  
9 YOU'RE HOLDING, DON? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM 55-C, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO AMEND THAT  
12 WE AMEND ITEM 4, RECOMMENDATION 4 OF 55-C, TO PURSUE  
13 LEGISLATION TO RESTORE OVERSIGHT OF PHYSICIAN-OWNED AMBULATORY  
14 SURGICAL, SURGERY CLINICS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
15 SERVICES LICENSING DIVISION.

16

17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT AMENDMENT, ANY  
18 OBJECTION TO CONSIDERING THAT AMENDMENT AS PART OF THE TOTAL  
19 PACKAGE? WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT WILL BE PART OF THE ITEM BEFORE  
20 US. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. BRIAN OXMAN AND  
21 ROBERT SILVERMAN. WOULD YOU WANT TO BE HEARD FIRST? YOUR CALL?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LET ME JUST KIND OF SET THE CONTEXT, IF I  
24 MAY, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR. CHAIR, AND WITH APPRECIATION TO  
25 THE ATTENTION THAT'S BEING FOCUSED ON THIS ITEM. YOU KNOW,



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1   THERE ARE SEVERAL QUESTIONS THAT I THINK CAN AND SHOULD BE  
2   RAISED AND PERHAPS THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BEING HEARD CAN  
3   ADDRESS THESE QUESTIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THEIR REMARKS. BUT  
4   AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE, SPECIFICALLY WHEN I  
5   SERVED IN THE SENATE, THAT I INTRODUCED S.B.1454 THAT WAS  
6   CONCERNED SPECIFICALLY WITH OVERSIGHT OF THE SURGICAL CENTERS  
7   AND CLINICS PERFORMING WHAT WAS THOUGHT TO BE COSMETIC  
8   PROCEDURES. AND THIS ISSUE CONTINUES TO BE A VERY URGENT  
9   CONCERN FOR ALL OF US AS IT RELATES NOT JUST TO AESTHETICS BUT  
10   TO HEALTH, FITNESS AND THE WELL-BEING OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE  
11   COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND BEYOND. AND SO THE MATTER BEFORE US  
12   RAISES SOME OF THOSE SAME QUESTIONS. YOU'LL RECALL THAT THE  
13   ISSUE AT THE TIME WAS THE DEATH OF DR. WEST, WHO WAS THE  
14   MOTHER OF A FAMOUS VOCALIST, RAP ARTIST, KANYE WEST. AND WE  
15   WERE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AND IT CAUGHT THE  
16   LEGISLATURE'S ATTENTION AS IT DID OTHER BODIES. AND SO WHEN WE  
17   THINK ABOUT THIS ISSUE OF 1-800-GET-THIN AND THE AD CAMPAIGN,  
18   THE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHEN IT BEGAN, THE DISCLOSURES BUILT INTO  
19   THE ADS, WHEN THEY BEGAN, HOW MANY PERSONS HAVE GOTTEN THE  
20   SURGERY. I MEAN, THE BOARD WISHES TO KNOW AS MUCH AS IT CAN  
21   WITHIN REASON ABOUT THE WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES. THE OPERATORS  
22   WHO ANSWER THE PHONE, THE BASIS FOR THEIR COMPENSATION, ARE  
23   THEY ON COMMISSION, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE FULLEST  
24   PICTURE POSSIBLE WOULD BE USEFUL TO US. THE DISTRIBUTION OF  
25   THE BILLBOARDS, WHERE THEY ARE TARGETED, IF THEY ARE TARGETED



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1 ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. I LAY ALL THESE QUESTIONS  
2 OUT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO CAN AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
3 ANSWER THEM. AND THEN FINALLY I JUST WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE  
4 RISK. HOW DO YOU CHARACTERIZE RISK? DO THE OPERATORS, WHEN  
5 QUERIED BY INTERESTED PATIENTS OR CLIENTS GIVE INSIGHTS AS TO  
6 THE RISK? OR WHAT ARE THEY TRAINED TO SAY AND DO? AND THEN  
7 ULTIMATELY THE F.D.A. WARNING. MAYBE, MR. CHAIR, WE CAN GET  
8 SOME FEEDBACK AS TO HOW THAT IS BEING TAKEN UP BY THOSE WHO  
9 ARE OBLIGED TO DO SO. I WILL LET THOSE BE THE INITIAL  
10 QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS THAT I WISH TO RAISE AND HOPE FOR AS  
11 THOROUGH RESPONSES AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR.

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13 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BRIAN OXMAN AND ROBERT  
14 SILVERMAN, WHICH ONE OF YOU -- ARE YOU BOTH WITH THE SAME  
15 COMPANY?

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17 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YES, MR. CHAIR.

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19 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** COULD YOU IDENTIFY YOURSELF?

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21 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YES, I WILL ADDRESS, I WILL START FIRST,  
22 THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
23 ROBERT SILVERMAN. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF 1-800-GET-THIN. I COME  
24 BEFORE YOU TODAY IN RESPONSE TO THIS AGENDA ITEM, 55-C, THAT  
25 WE UNDERSTAND WAS BROUGHT BEFORE YOU IN RESPONSE TO THE F.D.A.



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1 WARNING LETTER THAT WAS RECEIVED ON DECEMBER 14. I ALSO COME  
2 BEFORE YOU TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PLEDGE OUR COMMITMENT TO BE A  
3 RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION OPERATING WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
4 ANGELES, THAT IT IS OUR INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE F.D.A.  
5 WARNING LETTER TO MAKE ANY AND ALL NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS TO  
6 OUR ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN SO THAT ALL OF OUR ADS BECOME  
7 COMPLIANT WITH THE F.D.A. MANDATE AS THEY HAVE HIGHLIGHTED IN  
8 THEIR WARNING LETTER THAT WAS RECEIVED ON DECEMBER 15. I  
9 UNDERSTAND THAT THE BOARD MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS ABOUT  
10 THE CONCERNS AND THE DEPTH OF THE OPERATION OF 1-800-GET-THIN  
11 AND CERTAIN AFFILIATED SURGERY CENTERS AND OTHER OPERATORS, SO  
12 TO SPEAK. I AM NOT SURE THAT TODAY IS THE APPROPRIATE FORUM TO  
13 ADDRESS THAT. AS I'VE INDICATED, I HAVE COME BEFORE THE  
14 COUNCIL MEMBERS TODAY TO SPECIFICALLY LET YOU KNOW THAT WE ARE  
15 MAKING EVERY DILIGENT EFFORT TO FULLY COMPLY OUR ADVERTISING  
16 CAMPAIGN WITH THE F.D.A. RULES AND REGULATIONS. WE HAVE  
17 ALREADY MADE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO A NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT WE  
18 CAN DIRECTLY CONTROL, SUCH AS WEBSITES, TO ENSURE THAT THE  
19 PRODUCT INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE F.D.A. IS  
20 FULLY LEGIBLE IN A VERY CLEAR AND CONCISE FONT, SO TO SPEAK,  
21 SO THAT ANYONE WHO DOES TOUCH THE WEBSITES WILL HAVE THE  
22 APPROPRIATE INFORMATION. WE ARE CURRENTLY REVIEWING THE  
23 TELEVISION ADVERTISEMENTS, THE RADIO ADVERTISEMENTS AND THE  
24 BILLBOARDS, AS WELL, AS TO HOW WE CAN DEVELOP EVEN MORE  
25 SUBSTANTIAL DISCLOSURES TO COMPLY WITH THE F.D.A.





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2 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHAT ABOUT YOUR BILLBOARDS?

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4 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WE ARE WORKING ON BILLBOARDS. WE ARE WORKING  
5 ON THE LANGUAGE RIGHT NOW TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE. MY CONCERN  
6 OR MY REQUEST TO THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
7 THE F.D.A. WARNING LETTER, WE HAVE 15 BUSINESS DAYS IN WHICH  
8 TO RESPOND. I HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN TO THE F.D.A. WE HAVE BEEN  
9 COOPERATING WITH THEM. WE ARE WORKING OUT INFORMATION TO  
10 DEVELOP AS TO A PROPOSAL THAT WE WILL PUT FORTH TO THE F.D.A.  
11 FOR THEIR ACCEPTANCE AND APPROVAL. AND I AM CONFIDENT --

12

13 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** A PROPOSAL FOR WHAT?

14

15 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WELL, OUR RESPONSE TO THE F.D.A. WARNING  
16 LETTER WILL INCLUDE --

17

18 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I ASKED YOU SPECIFICALLY ABOUT  
19 BILLBOARDS. IS THIS A PROPOSAL RELATING TO BILLBOARDS YOU ARE  
20 MAKING?

21

22 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YES, IT WILL INCLUDE THE APPROPRIATE WARNING  
23 LABEL THAT WE WILL BE PLACING ON BILLBOARDS.

24



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1   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** AND WHAT IS YOUR IDEA? WHAT'S YOUR  
2   THINKING AS YOU SIT HERE TODAY AS TO HOW YOU'RE GOING TO  
3   ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF WARNING POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS OF THE RISKS  
4   ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR SURGICAL PROCEDURE ON BILLBOARDS?

5

6   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WELL, THERE'S A NUMBER OF MANUFACTURERS WHO  
7   DO ACTUALLY PRODUCE THE LAP BAND. 1-800-GET-THIN IS NEITHER  
8   THE SELLER, MANUFACTURER, OR DISTRIBUTOR OF LAP BANDS. WE ARE  
9   MERELY AN EQUIVALENT TO 1-800-DENTISTS OR OTHER REFERRAL BASED  
10   TYPE OF PROCEDURES OR SYSTEMS. AS WE ARE NOT THE SELLER OF  
11   THIS, THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER OR NOT WE  
12   FALL UNDER THE MANDATES OF THE F.D.A. HOWEVER, IT IS OUR  
13   POSITION THAT WE ARE GOING TO COME INTO FULL COMPLIANCE WITH  
14   THE F.D.A. MANDATE. SO FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, THE ONLY GUIDANCE  
15   WE HAVE IS TO LOOK AT THE ACTUAL MANUFACTURERS OF THE LAP BAND  
16   PRODUCT AND TO ADOPT THE DISCLOSURES THAT THOSE PARTICULAR  
17   MANUFACTURERS --

18

19   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHAT IS YOUR ROLE? WHAT IS YOUR ROLE?

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21   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I AM THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY.

22

23   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT WHAT IS THE  
24   ROLE OF 1-800-GET-THIN?

25



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1   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** 1-800-GET-THIN IS A MARKETER OF THE LAP BAND  
2   PRODUCT AS WELL AS OTHER SURGICAL PROCEDURES AND WEIGHT LOSS  
3   AS WELL AS MEDICAL WEIGHT LOSS, DOCTOR-SUPERVISED WEIGHT LOSS.

4

5   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** AS THE MARKETER, THE ISSUE OF  
6   INFORMING PROSPECTIVE PATIENTS OR CLIENTS IS YOUR  
7   RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THEM ABOUT THE RISKS, ARE THEY NOT?

8

9   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WE HAVE DISCLOSURES ON OUR CURRENT  
10   ADVERTISING.

11

12   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I GUESS THE F.D.A. DIDN'T THINK YOU  
13   HAD ENOUGH DISCLOSURE.

14

15   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, CHAIRMAN, THE F.D.A.  
16   HAS LOOKED AT OUR DISCLOSURES AND HAD FELT THAT IT DID NOT GO  
17   FAR ENOUGH.

18

19   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THEN WHY DID YOU SAY WITH ALL DUE  
20   RESPECT IF YOU AGREE WITH ME?

21

22   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** NO, THEY DID NOT SAY WE HAD NOTHING. THEY  
23   SAID OUR RISK DISCLOSURE WAS NOT SUFFICIENT ENOUGH.

24



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1    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I STAND CORRECTED. YOUR RISK  
2    ANNOUNCEMENTS ON YOUR ADVERTISING IS NOT SUFFICIENT ACCORDING  
3    TO THE F.D.A.

4

5    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** APPARENTLY BASED UPON THE WARNING LETTER  
6    THAT WE HAD RECEIVED, THEY HAD BELIEVED THAT IT DID NOT GO FAR  
7    ENOUGH. WE ARE PREPARED TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES IN ORDER TO  
8    SATISFY THE F.D.A. REQUIREMENTS.

9

10   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THE SURGICAL  
11   PROCEDURES AT ALL?

12

13   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** ABSOLUTELY NOT.

14

15   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** SO THEY PAY YOU? DO THE SURGICAL  
16   CENTERS PAY YOU? WHAT'S YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SURGICAL  
17   CENTERS THAT ACTUALLY DO THE SURGICAL PROCEDURES?

18

19   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WE'RE A MARKETING COMPANY AND WE HAVE  
20   BUSINESS PARTNERS.

21

22   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

23

24   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WE'RE A MARKETING COMPANY AND WE HAVE  
25   BUSINESS PARTNERS.



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** HANG ON ONE SECOND. YOU'RE NOT  
3 ANSWERING MY QUESTION. WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE  
4 SURGICAL CENTERS? SERGEANT WOULD YOU PLEASE ADVISE PEOPLE WHO  
5 ARE TALKING EITHER SHAPE UP OR ESCORT THEM OUT?

6

7 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** MR. CHAIR, WE HAVE BUSINESS PARTNERS AND I'M  
8 NOT AT LIBERTY TO DISCLOSE WHO OUR BUSINESS PARTNERS ARE.

9

10 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO DISCLOSE THE  
11 NAMES. I'M JUST ASKING GENERICALLY, DO YOU HAVE A BUSINESS  
12 RELATIONSHIP? WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SURGICAL  
13 CENTERS AS A GENERIC ENTITY?

14

15 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** AS A GENERIC ENTITY WE ARE HIRED TO DO  
16 MARKETING FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS AND SERVICES.

17

18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ARE YOU NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCURATELY  
19 AND TRUTHFULLY DISCLOSING WHAT THE RISKS ARE? BOTH THE  
20 BENEFITS AS WELL AS THE RISKS TO THIS SURGICAL PROCEDURE?

21

22 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IN FRONT OF ME I HAVE A BOOK  
23 THAT I'M PREPARED TO PROVIDE TO EACH OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS  
24 THAT ARE HERE, I'M SORRY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND IN THIS  
25 BOOK, YOU WILL SEE THAT OUR BILLBOARDS DO CONTAIN A DISCLOSURE



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1 STATEMENT. WHAT YOU WILL ALSO SEE IS PROBABLY A DOZEN OTHER  
2 SURGERY CENTERS, ACTUAL SURGERY CENTERS, ACTUAL SURGERY  
3 CENTERS THAT PERFORM THIS SURGICAL PROCEDURE THAT HAVE  
4 ABSOLUTELY ZERO RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. SO WHILE THE F.D.A.  
5 HAS TAKEN A LOOK AT THE RISK DISCLOSURE STATEMENT THAT WE HAVE  
6 PRODUCED ON OUR PARTICULAR BILLBOARDS AND ACROSS OUR MEDIUM,  
7 THEY HAVE FOUND THAT TO BE INSUFFICIENT. IT IS REGRETTABLE  
8 THAT THEY HAVE COME TO THAT CONCLUSION. WE ARE WILLING TO WORK  
9 AND CHANGE THAT. WHAT WE HAVE OUT THERE IS A NUMBER OF OTHER -  
10 -

11

12 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** SO YOUR DEFENSE IS THAT DON'T LOOK AT  
13 US. THEY'RE NOT HOLDING EVERYBODY ELSE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE SAME  
14 STANDARD.

15

16 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** NO SIR. MY POINT IS WE HAVE BEEN A LEADER IN  
17 THIS FIELD. WE CONTINUE TO BE A LEADER AND WE WILL ALWAYS BE  
18 WAY LEADER. AND THAT MEANS IF THE F.D.A. BELIEVES THAT WE NEED  
19 TO CHANGE OUR ADS TO MAKE THEM MORE COMPLIANT, WE WILL CHANGE  
20 OUR ADS TO MAKE THEM MORE COMPLIANT. WHAT I'M POINTING OUT TO  
21 YOU IS THAT--

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHERE I COME FROM, MR. SILVERMAN, IS  
24 LEADERS DON'T TRY TO HIDE WHO THEIR BUSINESS PARTNERS ARE ON  
25 SOMETHING THAT'S A MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERN, NOT JUST TO



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1 US. WE'RE SMALL PEAS IN THIS POD. BUT TO THE F.D.A. AND GOD  
2 KNOWS WHAT OTHER REGULATORY AGENCIES. AND I'M JUST FINDING IT  
3 HARD TO BELIEVE, IT'S JUST STRAINS LOGIC AT THE RECEIVING END  
4 HERE THAT YOU HAVE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SURGICAL  
5 CENTERS. THAT'S NOT WHAT I UNDERSTAND.

6

7 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** 1-800-GET-THIN HAS NO OWNERSHIP CONTROL OVER  
8 ANY SURGERY CENTER, SIR. WHAT 1-800-GET-THIN DOES IS HAS AN  
9 OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT ANY PATIENT THAT IS REFERRED TO ANY  
10 DOCTOR OR FACILITY TO ENSURE THAT THOSE FACILITIES AND THOSE  
11 DOCTORS ARE ADEQUATELY SUITABLE TO DO THESE PARTICULAR  
12 PROCEDURES.

13

14 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP  
15 AS AN INDIVIDUAL WITH ANY OF THE SURGICAL CENTERS?

16

17 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** ABSOLUTELY NOT.

18

19 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE?

20

21 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YES, SIR.

22

23 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** DID YOU LET YOUR WORKERS' COMP  
24 INSURANCE WITH THE PREVIOUS INSURANCE COMPANY OR CURRENT  
25 INSURANCE COMPANY LAPSE AT SOME POINT?





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2 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF, NO, SIR. 1-800-GET  
3 THIN? I'M NOT AWARE OF THAT.

4

5 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OR ANYBODY ELSE YOU MAY HAVE BEEN  
6 ASSOCIATED WITH.

7

8 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF 1-800-GET-THIN.

9

10 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** DID YOU EVER HAVE ANY WORKER'S COMP  
11 INSURANCE OR INSURANCE OF ANY KIND WITH FARMER'S INSURANCE  
12 COMPANY THAT LAPSED?

13

14 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** 1-800-GET-THIN HAS NOT, NO.

15

16 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMPANY WITH WHICH YOU ARE  
17 AFFILIATED?

18

19 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I HAVE NO AFFILIATION WITH ANY OTHER COMPANY  
20 OTHER THAN 1-800-GET-THIN.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO HELP US OUT, IF YOU WOULD, IN TERMS OF  
25 THE LENGTH OF YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH 1-800-GET-THIN?



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2 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I'M SORRY?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE LENGTH OF YOUR ASSOCIATION WITH 1-800-  
5 GET-THIN.

6

7 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I'VE INCORPORATED THE COMPANY AND HAVE BEEN  
8 THE PRESIDENT SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHICH IS FOR THE RECORD?

11

12 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I BELIEVE IT WAS IN FEBRUARY OF 2010.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FEBRUARY OF 2010. LET ME ASK THE QUESTION  
15 THAT I POSED BEFORE AND YOU MAY HAVE SAID THAT YOU DIDN'T  
16 THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO GIVE INDICATION OF HOW THE PHONE  
17 OPERATORS ARE COMPENSATED? AND I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT  
18 WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE ON COMMISSIONS? I THINK IT WOULD BE  
19 ILLUMINATING FOR THE BOARD TO KNOW THAT IN TERMS OF OUR  
20 UNDERSTANDING HOW THE BUSINESS OPERATES.

21

22 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** 1-800-GET-THIN IS A MARKETING COMPANY. 1-  
23 800-THIN DOES NOT OPERATE A CALL CENTER.

24



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, BUT THE QUESTION IS ARE THERE  
2    COMMISSIONS, OR NO?

3

4    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I WOULD NOT BE THE APPROPRIATE PERSON TO  
5    ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

6

7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU'RE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPANY.

8

9    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I AM THE PRESIDENT OF 1-800-GET THIN. IT IS  
10    A PHONE NUMBER. AND AS IS TYPICAL WITH MOST CALL-INS, IF YOU  
11    WERE TO CALL GENERAL ELECTRIC FOR PRODUCT SUPPORT, YOU'D  
12    PROBABLY REACH SOME CALL CENTER IN INDIA. I BELIEVE THE CALL  
13    CENTER IS LOCAL, BUT 1-800-GET THIN DOES NOT CONTROL, OWN, OR  
14    OPERATE A CALL CENTER.

15

16    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO HOW MANY EMPLOYEES ARE -- HOW MANY  
17    PERSONS ARE EMPLOYED BY 1-800-GET-THIN?

18

19    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I DON'T BELIEVE 1-800-GET-THIN HAS ANY  
20    DIRECT EMPLOYEES.

21

22    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO DIRECT EMPLOYEES? SO YOU HAVE CONTRACT  
23    EMPLOYEES? OR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS?

24

25    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I BELIEVE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT, SIR.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE QUESTION IS, WHAT'S THE VOLUME? WE'RE  
3 JUST TRYING TO GET A SENSE OF THAT. I THINK THAT'S A  
4 REASONABLE QUESTION.

5

6 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WELL, I BELIEVE THAT AS 1-800-GET-THIN WE'RE  
7 HERE IN RESPONSE TO AN F.D.A. WARNING LETTER WITH REGARD TO  
8 OUR ADVERTISING. OUR ADVERTISING, AS I STAND HERE BEFORE YOU  
9 TODAY IS TO ENSURE THAT WE BECOME F.D.A. COMPLIANT WITHIN THIS  
10 TIME PERIOD AND TO WORK WITH THE F.D.A. TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR  
11 ADS ARE FULLY COMPLIANT.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD TAKE THAT AS  
14 UNWILLINGNESS TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, THAT'S PRETTY CLEAR.  
15 LET ME ASK YOU ANOTHER QUESTION IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO  
16 ANSWER IT. THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THOSE WHO ARE CALLERS AND THOSE  
17 WHO ARE REFERRED, CAN YOU HELP US WITH THAT?

18

19 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** IT'S ACROSS THE BOARD. I DON'T THINK THERE'S  
20 ANY ONE SPECIFIC MALE OR FEMALE, BLACK, WHITE, INDIAN, ASIAN,  
21 WHICHEVER YOU PREFER, IT'S SIMPLY, IT'S AMERICA. WE HAVE  
22 PEOPLE FROM ALL RACES, MALE AND FEMALE, CALL IN ORDER TO SEEK  
23 HELP. OBESITY IS A WORLDWIDE EPIDEMIC AT THIS POINT. RECENT  
24 STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT OBESITY IN CALIFORNIA IS AS HIGH AS 25  
25 PERCENT. THERE ARE MANY, MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE ACROSS-THE-



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1 BOARD, IT'S NOT SPECIFIC TO ANY PARTICULAR INCOME OR GENDER OR  
2 RACE. IT'S A GROWING EPIDEMIC THAT NEEDS SIGNIFICANT HELP.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK IT'S REASONABLE TO SAY THAT THE  
5 ISSUE OF OBESITY IS CERTAINLY A HUGE CHALLENGE FOR NOT ONLY  
6 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BUT THE NATION AS A WHOLE. BUT THERE  
7 IS DEMOGRAPHIC DATA THAT GIVES A PROFILE WHERE THE PROBLEMS  
8 ARE MOST ACUTE. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THAT INFORMATION IS  
9 NOT ONLY KNOWABLE BUT ASCERTAINABLE. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR  
10 YOU TO LEARN OF IT. WHAT ABOUT THE OUTREACH? IS IT MULTI-  
11 LINGUAL, YOUR ADVERTISEMENT? IS IT IN A VARIETY OF  
12 COMMUNITIES? YOU SAY THAT -- OR IT'S ENGLISH ONLY?

13

14 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I BELIEVE THE CURRENT ADS ARE IN ENGLISH  
15 ONLY.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ENGLISH ONLY?

18

19 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YEAH.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THE 90 SOME PLUS LANGUAGES AND DIALECTS  
22 IN THIS REGION ALONE YOU SEEK NOT TO REACH INTO IN TERMS OF  
23 THE NATIVE LANGUAGE OR MOTHER TONGUE OF THOSE SPECIFIC  
24 INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE SEEKING YOUR SERVICES?

25



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1   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE CONSIDERED AND I  
2   BELIEVE WE'RE WORKING ON DEVELOPING OTHER LANGUAGES.

3

4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO NO MULTILINGUAL BILLBOARDS AT THIS  
5   POINT?

6

7   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.

8

9   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOT THAT YOU'RE AWARE OF. THERE MAY BE BUT  
10   YOU JUST DON'T KNOW?

11

12   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** NO. I'M FAIRLY CONFIDENT THERE ARE NOT.

13

14   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT, MR. CHAIR, THERE ARE SEVERAL  
15   ITEMS THAT ARE SOUGHT IN THE BOARD ACTION TODAY. I DON'T KNOW  
16   IF YOU WANT TO ENTERTAIN ANY OTHER QUESTIONS BEFORE WE DISPOSE  
17   OF IT.

18

19   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW-UP ON SOMETHING  
20   THAT WAS SAID EARLIER BY MR. SILVERMAN. YOU WERE SAYING  
21   SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT YOU REFER CLIENTS TO SURGERY  
22   CENTERS? THAT YOUR COMPANY REFERS CLIENTS TO SURGERY CENTERS,  
23   IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** THAT'S ONE OF THE ENTITIES.



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THAT'S ONE OF THE WHAT?

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4 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** THAT'S ONE POTENTIAL, YES.

5

6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ONE POTENTIAL WHAT?

7

8 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** REFERRAL.

9

10 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** IF I CALL UP 1-800-GET THIN AND I WANT  
11 TO HAVE THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE, DO YOU REFER ME TO A SURGICAL  
12 CENTER, YES OR NO?

13

14 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** IT'S POSSIBLE. IT WOULD DEPEND ON YOUR  
15 LOCATION.

16

17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. BUT THAT'S ONE OF YOUR PRIMARY  
18 FUNCTIONS?

19

20 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** IF SOMEONE WERE TO CALL 1-800-GET THIN THEY  
21 WOULD BE REFERRED TO A FREE SEMINAR TO LEARN MORE EDUCATION  
22 ABOUT THE LAP BAND.

23

24 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHO RUNS THE SEMINAR?

25





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1     **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** A DOCTOR WOULD RUN THE SEMINAR.

2

3     **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** AND YOU REFER THE POTENTIAL PATIENT TO  
4     THAT SEMINAR?

5

6     **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YES. THAT'S THE ONLY --

7

8     **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** NEAR WHERE THEY LIVE, CONVENIENT TO  
9     THEIR LOCATION.

10

11    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I'M SORRY, IT'S DIFFICULT TO--

12

13    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** CONVENIENT TO THEIR LOCATION.

14

15    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YES, IT WOULD BE ALL BE BASED ON THEIR  
16    LOCATION.

17

18    **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** AND THEN YOU REFER THEM TO A SURGICAL  
19    CENTER?

20

21    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** IT'S NOT NECESSARILY A SURGICAL CENTER.  
22    THERE ARE CERTAINLY JUST GENERIC MEDICAL OFFICES.

23



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1    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOU JUST GOT THROUGH TELLING ME THAT  
2    ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES IS THAT YOU REFER PEOPLE TO SURGICAL  
3    CENTERS.

4

5    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** THAT IS ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES.

6

7    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** SO YOU DO REFER PEOPLE TO SURGICAL  
8    CENTERS AT SOME POINT IN TIME, TO SOME NUMBER OF YOUR CALLS,  
9    CORRECT?

10

11    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** DEPENDING UPON WHERE THE LOCATION.

12

13    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHY CAN'T YOU JUST ANSWER A STRAIGHT  
14    QUESTION. DO YOU EVER REFER PEOPLE TO A SURGICAL CENTER?

15

16    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** SOME PEOPLE WILL BE REFERRED.

17

18    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** BY YOU. BY YOUR COMPANY.

19

20    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YES.

21

22    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** AND WHEN YOU SAID EARLIER THAT IT'S  
23    YOUR OBLIGATION, I BELIEVE I HEARD THIS CORRECTLY, TO ENSURE  
24    THAT THE SURGERY CENTERS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB.

25



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1     **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** OF COURSE.

2

3     **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

4

5     **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WE DO SURVEYS.

6

7     **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHO DO YOU SURVEY?

8

9     **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** WE TRACK THE PATIENTS THAT ARE HANDLED  
10    THROUGH THE SURGERY CENTERS.

11

12    **BRIAN OXMAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK I CAN ANSWER A LITTLE BIT  
13    ABOUT THAT.

14

15    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHAT'S YOUR POSITION?

16

17    **BRIAN OXMAN:** I'M BRIAN OXMAN, I AM THE ATTORNEY. MY CLIENT IS  
18    1-800-GET THIN. OUR SURGERY CENTERS HAVE A BETTER TRACK RECORD  
19    THAN JUST ABOUT ANYBODY ELSE.

20

21    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** LISTEN. I APPRECIATE THIS. YOU'RE ON  
22    MY TIME. THIS IS NOT AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO ADVERTISE YOUR  
23    PRODUCT, OKAY? I'VE READ YOUR LETTERS. I'VE READ YOUR LETTER  
24    TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR POSITION  
25    IS. AND I'M NOT GOING TO PURSUE THIS ANY FURTHER AT THIS POINT



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1 BECAUSE IT IS TAKING VALUABLE TIME OUT OF OUR PROCEEDING. I  
2 JUST WANT TO SAY ONE THING. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE A  
3 WITNESS OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS COME TO THAT TABLE AND HAS  
4 OBFUSCATED AS CONSISTENTLY AND PERSISTENTLY AS YOU HAVE TODAY.  
5 I DID NOT COME HERE AS A PERSON WHO HAD ANY FUNDAMENTAL  
6 SUSPICION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER OF WHAT YOU WERE DOING. I LEAVE  
7 HERE NOW WITH THINKING YOU ARE HIDING SOMETHING. I GET THAT  
8 FEELING. YOU HAVE NOT ANSWERED A QUESTION STRAIGHT SINCE YOU  
9 CAME DOWN HERE. AND I'M VERY TROUBLED BY THAT. AND SO I  
10 APPRECIATE THAT YOU'VE DONE THAT BECAUSE YOU'VE NOW ENERGIZED  
11 ME. AND WE'LL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY AND I WANT TO THANK  
12 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR INITIATING THIS.

13

14 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** IF I MAY, MR. CHAIRMAN?

15

16 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOU CAN HAVE THE LAST WORD MR.  
17 SILVERMAN.

18

19 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I APOLOGIZE YOU FEEL  
20 THAT WAY. BUT I FEEL THAT SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN  
21 TRYING TO PLACE SOME TYPE OF CORNER WITH REGARD TO HOW I CAN  
22 ANSWER. IF A PERSON WERE TO CALL 1-800-GET-THIN. THEY MAY END  
23 UP AT A DOCTOR'S OFFICE. THEY MAY END UP AT A SURGERY CENTER.  
24 THEY MAY END UP AT A HOSPITAL. THOSE ARE ALL POSSIBILITIES OF



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1 WHERE A PERSON MAY END UP. THERE IS NO PREDETERMINED SITUATION  
2 HERE THAT I CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION SPECIFICALLY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

5

6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE DOCTORS MANNING THE  
7 PHONES?

8

9 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I'M SORRY.

10

11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE DOCTORS MANNING THE  
12 PHONES?

13

14 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF, NO. THERE'S NO  
15 MEDICAL INFORMATION THAT'S GIVEN. THERE'S A PERSON IS TAKING  
16 THEIR BASIC INFORMATION AS TO CONTACT AND THEN THEY ARE  
17 REFERRED OUT TO WHATEVER LOCATION IS CLOSEST TO THEM AND FOR  
18 THEM TO GET A FREE SEMINAR WHERE THEY WILL THEN HAVE AN  
19 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK WITH A DOCTOR, TYPICALLY A LAP BAND  
20 SURGEON, WHO CAN GO OVER ALL OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS  
21 PARTICULAR PROCEDURE.

22

23 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YEAH, WELL I'LL TELL YOU, SUPERVISOR  
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS, FORMER STATE SENATOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, WHO WAS IN  
25 THE SENATE WHEN THIS ISSUE FIRST CAME TO YOUR ATTENTION AS I



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1 THINK YOU'VE INDICATED, THIS IS BIZARRE THAT SOMEHOW YOU'RE AN  
2 ENTITY, WHAT YOU'RE ARGUING IS THAT YOU'RE SOME KIND OF AN  
3 ENTITY THAT HAS JUST HOVERING IN SPACE, UNCONNECTED AND NOT  
4 RESPONSIBLE FOR ANYTHING.

5

6 **BRIAN OXMAN:** NOT SO.

7

8 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOU MAY REFER, YOU MAY NOT REFER.

9

10 **BRIAN OXMAN:** WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE STRUCTURE OF SUCH AS 1-800-  
11 DENTIST OR 1-800-FLOWERS.

12

13 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I'M LOOKING AT 1-800-GET-THIN.

14

15 **BRIAN OXMAN:** WE OPERATE THE SAME KIND OF CORPORATE STRUCTURE.  
16 YOU SIMPLY GET A MARKETING REFERRAL FIRM IN 1-800-GET THIN. WE  
17 MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE TO WHO WE REFER, DOCTORS OR A  
18 SURGERY CENTER, ARE THE BEST OF THE BEST. OUR RECORD IS FOUR  
19 TIMES BETTER THAN THE AVERAGE IN CALIFORNIA BY WAY OF  
20 COMPLICATION RATES AND BY WAY OF DEATH RATES. IN OTHER WORDS,  
21 THERE WAS A STUDY BY THE CALIFORNIA OFFICE STATEWIDE HEALTH  
22 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH FOUND THE AVERAGE ONE-YEAR  
23 DEATH RATE FOR SURGERY CENTERS ON BARIATRIC SURGERY WAS 3.3  
24 PER 1,000 SURGERIES. OUR RATE IS 1 PER 1500 SURGERIES FOR A  
25 WHOLE YEAR. WE ARE FOUR TIMES BETTER THAN THE STATEWIDE



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1 AVERAGE. SO WHEN YOU ASK WHAT DO WE DO? WE MAKE SURE THAT  
2 THESE SURGERY CENTERS AND THE PHYSICIANS TO WHOM WE REFER ARE  
3 THE BEST OF THE BEST. THEY ARE FOUR TIMES BETTER THAN THE  
4 AVERAGE IN CALIFORNIA. THAT'S WHAT WE DO.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL I APPRECIATE.

7

8 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** AND WE'LL BE HAPPY TO SHARE THAT  
9 INFORMATION.

10

11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ONE LAST QUESTION, MARK. I JUST WANT  
12 TO BE CLEAR ON THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION. BOTH OF YOU, YOU'RE  
13 HIS LAWYER, RIGHT? YOU'RE THE COMPANY'S LAWYER. I JUST WANT TO  
14 BE SURE THAT IT'S YOUR TESTIMONY THAT AT NO TIME DID YOU ALLOW  
15 1-800-GET-THIN'S WORKER'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE TO LAPSE OR  
16 THAT YOU UNDERREPORTED YOUR EMPLOYEES AND THUS UNDERPAID YOUR  
17 WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE, IS THAT YOUR TESTIMONY?

18

19 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** THAT'S ABSOLUTELY CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MARK, I'M SORRY.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL IT'S AN INTERESTING LINE OF INQUIRY,  
24 MR. CHAIR, IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT WE CAN'T GET A DEFINITIVE  
25 ANSWER WITH THE EMPLOYEE --





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2 **BRIAN OXMAN:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, WE ARE HERE TO GET YOU YOUR  
3 ANSWER. THAT IS OUR PURPOSE HERE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **BRIAN OXMAN:** AND WE'LL DO WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU REQUEST, WE  
8 ARE GOING TO COMPLY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **BRIAN OXMAN:** WE ARE NOT GOING TO OBFUSCATE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO  
13 SAY THINGS WHICH AREN'T CORRECT OR IN ANY MANNER EVASIVE. YOU  
14 WANT TO KNOW INFORMATION, YOU'RE GOING GET IT. AND WE ARE  
15 GOING TO WORK WITH YOUR STAFF. WE'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH YOUR  
16 STAFF. YOU ARE GOING TO GET FULL DISCLOSURE HERE. YOU'RE NOT  
17 GOING TO GET ANY KIND OF EVASION, AT ALL. ZERO.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT THERE HAVE  
20 BEEN A SERIES OF QUESTIONS, SEVERAL QUESTIONS THAT WE POSED,  
21 TO WHICH THERE WAS NO APPROPRIATE ANSWER. SO WE ASKED ABOUT  
22 THE DEMOGRAPHICS.

23

24 **BRIAN OXMAN:** ASK AWAY, SIR. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE DO.

25



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL I APPRECIATE THAT ASSERTION. BUT WHEN  
2   I POSED THE QUESTION ABOUT THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE CALLERS AS  
3   BEST AS YOU COULD DETERMINE THAT AND THE REFERRALS, OBVIOUSLY  
4   --

5

6   **BRIAN OXMAN:** THE DEMOGRAPHICS ARE ALL ACROSS SOUTHERN  
7   CALIFORNIA FROM FRESNO TO SAN DIEGO. EVERY RACE, COLOR, CREED.  
8   THERE IS NO TARGETING OF ANY MINORITY GROUP. IN FACT, THE  
9   STATISTICS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FROM THE OFFICE OF  
10   STATEWIDE HEALTH, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT ARE THAT  
11   CAUCASIANS, WHO REPRESENT ONLY 43 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION,  
12   ARE GETTING 63 PERCENT OF THE BARIATRIC PROCEDURES ACROSS THE  
13   STATE OF CALIFORNIA. SO THERE IS NO TARGETING OF MINORITY  
14   GROUPS AT ALL IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM.

15

16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, BUT YOU'RE ANSWERING SOMETHING THAT  
17   WASN'T ASKED AT THIS POINT. THE QUESTION WAS ABOUT THE  
18   DEMOGRAPHIC DATA.

19

20   **BRIAN OXMAN:** THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF WHICH?

21

22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA. AND YOU BEGAN TO  
23   RESPOND TO IT BY SAYING THE DATA WITH WHICH YOU ARE FAMILIAR,  
24   FOCUSING ON THE ANGLO POPULATION.

25



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1   **BRIAN OXMAN:** WE DON'T FOCUS ON ANGLO POPULATION. OUR SIGNS ARE  
2   IN EAST LOS ANGELES, IN KOREATOWN, THEY ARE ALL THROUGHOUT  
3   SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

4

5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT BUT YOU DIDN'T PERMIT ME TO  
6   FINISH.

7

8   **BRIAN OXMAN:** PLEASE.

9

10   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I SAID THE EXAMPLE THAT YOU GAVE WAS ABOUT  
11   THE ANGLO POPULATION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. YOU SAID THAT  
12   IT WAS DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH BASED ON ITS NUMBER IN THE  
13   POPULATION.

14

15   **BRIAN OXMAN:** THAT'S STATEWIDE. THAT'S ALL SURGERY CENTERS, NOT  
16   JUST US.

17

18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. SO THERE IS DATA WITH  
19   WHICH YOU ARE FAMILIAR.

20

21   **BRIAN OXMAN:** OH YES. ABSOLUTELY.

22

23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S USEFUL TO KNOW THAT THAT.

24

25   **BRIAN OXMAN:** YOU WILL HAVE EVERY OUNCE OF IT.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND I SUSPECT THERE'S MORE. BECAUSE WHEN  
3 YOU TALK WITH THE KIND OF FORCE THAT YOU DO ABOUT YOUR RECORD,  
4 IT HAS TO BE BASED ON SPECIFIC PATIENT INFORMATION. YOU SAY  
5 YOUR INCIDENT RATE IS 0.1 PERCENT --

6

7 **BRIAN OXMAN:** 1 DEATH PER 1500 WHERE THE STATEWIDE AVERAGE IS  
8 3.3 PER THOUSAND.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PERMIT ME TO PUSH YOU A LITTLE FURTHER. IF  
11 YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, YOU DON'T HAVE TO  
12 ATTEMPT IT. BUT THE TIME PERIOD AFTER THE SURGERY THAT THAT  
13 COVERS, ONE WEEK? ONE MONTH? ONE YEAR? IT SEEMS TO ME THAT --

14

15 **BRIAN OXMAN:** UP TO TWO YEARS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** UP TO TWO YEARS.

18

19 **BRIAN OXMAN:** UP TO TWO YEARS, YES.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THE EXTENT OF THE FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT?  
22 ARE YOU INVOLVED IN THAT AT ALL?

23



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1   **BRIAN OXMAN:** THERE ARE FOLLOW UP CALLS MADE BY THE PHYSICIANS.  
2   THAT IS PART OF THE ONE OF THE THINGS WE SCREEN FOR. SO WHAT  
3   WE NOW HAVE IS FOLLOW UPS FOR OVER TWO YEARS.

4

5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, OUR  
6   CONCERN IS ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE  
7   EXTENT TO WHICH OVERLY AGGRESSIVE ADVERTISEMENT WITH WHAT  
8   COULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS RISKY AND IN SOME INSTANCES UNSAFE  
9   PROCEDURES DOES NEED TO BE CALLED OUT. LET ME FINISH.

10

11   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** IF YOU PLEASE. THE RULES HERE ARE IF  
12   YOU'RE ASKED A QUESTION, YOU CAN ANSWER. BUT DON'T INTERRUPT A  
13   MEMBER OF THE BOARD WHEN THEY ARE SPEAKING.

14

15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE F.D.A.'S INTERVENTION IS HARDLY  
16   IRRELEVANT. THEY UNDERScore THE NEED FOR HEIGHTENED, MORE  
17   EXTENSIVE DISCLOSURE. SO THE THRUST OF THE MOTION THAT WE  
18   BRING FORWARD SEEKS TO ACT OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CONCERN AND  
19   CAUTION ABOUT THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE  
20   LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION AS YOU WELL KNOW AND APPRECIATE.  
21   THEREFORE IT SEEMS TO ME WE HAVE AN ADDED BURDEN. SO WE SEEK  
22   TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REPORT BACK IN 60  
23   DAYS ON THE EFFORTS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF SAFE AND EFFECTIVE  
24   ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN HEALTHIER WEIGHT.  
25   THAT'S THIS COUNTY'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPORT THE



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1 MISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. OUR ROLE IS NOT TO  
2 ADVERTISE AND ADVANCE 1-800-GET-THIN. THAT'S SOMEONE ELSE'S  
3 JOB, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME. WE WISH TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO IDENTIFY  
5 MEDICAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT ARE BEING MARKETING IN A  
6 DANGEROUSLY AND/OR MISLEADING, A DANGEROUS AND/OR MISLEADING  
7 MANNER, DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS ON  
8 LEGAL OPTIONS TO ENSURE TRUTHFUL ADVERTISING OF AGGRESSIVE  
9 OBESITY TREATMENT PROCEDURES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN A  
10 MANNER THAT WOULD COMPLY WITH THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE  
11 UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION AND OTHER LAWS, AND FINALLY TO  
12 DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO PURSUE LEGISLATION THAT WILL STRENGTHEN  
13 THE REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT OF SURGICAL CENTERS AND CLINICS  
14 PERFORMING AGGRESSIVE AND INVASIVE OBESITY TREATMENT COSMETIC  
15 PROCEDURES TO INSURE QUALITY OF CARE STANDARDS ARE IN PLACE AT  
16 THESE CLINICS AND CHECKED BY THE APPROPRIATE CREDENTIALING  
17 AGENCIES. THERE WAS AN AMENDING MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT  
18 ADDS TO PURSUE LEGISLATION TO RESTORE OVERSIGHT ON PHYSICIAN-  
19 OWNED AMBULATORY SURGERY CLINICS BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 HEALTH SERVICES LICENSING DIVISION. THE CORRECTION SHOULD BE  
21 BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH LICENSING DIVISION.  
22 WITH THAT --

23  
24 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THAT CORRECTION WILL BE MADE.



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1     **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE MOVE THE MATTER AS AMENDED.

2

3     **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL SECOND IT. ONE LAST  
4     TWO QUESTIONS. THE F.D.A. ASKED YOU TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE  
5     MARKETING YOUR PRODUCT, CORRECT, HAVE YOU DONE THAT?

6

7     **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I'M NOT AWARE THAT THAT'S WHAT THE LETTER  
8     SAYS, SIR.

9

10    **BRIAN OXMAN:** THAT IS NOT WHAT THE F.D.A. SAID. THE F.D.A.  
11    WANTS GREATER DISCLOSURES, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND WE ARE HERE TO BE  
12    COMPLETELY COMPLIANT WITH THE F.D.A. AND I WANT TO MAKE VERY  
13    CERTAIN COMPLIANT WITH YOU AND THIS BOARD. BECAUSE WE ARE --  
14    WE'RE THE BEST OF THE BEST, SIR. AND WE WANT TO SHOW YOU THAT  
15    AND WE WANT TO --

16

17    **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THAT. DO YOU KNOW WHO  
18    TERRY T. GARVIN IS?

19

20    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I'VE SPOKEN WITH HER, YES.

21

22    **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** IS SHE THE ONE WHO SIGNED THE LETTER  
23    FROM THE F.D.A. TO YOU?

24

25    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** NO, SIR.





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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THEN WHAT AM I LOOKING AT?

3

4 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YOU PROBABLY ARE LOOKING AT AN F.D.A.

5 WARNING LETTER BUT IT WAS SIGNED BY STEVEN SILVERMAN.

6

7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WELL IT WAS. YOU'RE CORRECT. IT WAS

8 SIGNED BY STEVEN SILVERMAN BUT THERE'S A REFERENCE TO TERRY

9 GARVIN.

10

11 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** THAT HAVE ASKED 1-800-GET-THIN TO RESPOND TO

12 TERRY GARVIN.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WELL ACTUALLY HERE'S WHAT IT SAYS. IT

15 SAYS, "F.D.A. REQUESTS THAT 1-800-GET-THIN IMMEDIATELY CEASE

16 MARKETING THE LAP BAND USING ADVERTISING THAT VIOLATES THE

17 ACT. HAVE YOU DONE SO? HAVE YOU AGREED THEIR REQUEST?

18

19 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** YES. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGING ALL

20 OF OUR ADS TO BECOME F.D.A. COMPLIANT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THEY ASKED YOU TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE

23 MARKETING THE LAP BAND. HAVE YOU CEASED --

24

25 **BRIAN OXMAN:** THEY ASKED FOR CHANGES IN --



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I'M READING FROM THE LETTER. DO YOU  
3 HAVE THIS LETTER?

4

5 **BRIAN OXMAN:** YES, WE DO, SIR.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THE F.D.A. REQUESTS THAT 1-800-GET-  
8 THIN IMMEDIATELY CEASE MARKETING THE LAP BAND USING  
9 ADVERTISING THAT VIOLATES THE ACT. AND PRECEDING IN THIS  
10 LETTER THEY LAID OUT WHAT WAS VIOLATIVE OF THE ACT. YOU'RE IN  
11 THE PROCESS OF REDOING THAT NOW? BUT YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET.

12

13 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** NO, WE HAVE ALREADY ASKED FOR ALL THE  
14 BILLBOARDS THAT ARE NONCOMPLIANT TO BE PULLED. WE'VE ALREADY  
15 CHANGED OUR RADIO AND T.V. ADVERTISING.

16

17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHEN WAS THIS LETTER WRITTEN?

18

19 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I'M SORRY?

20

21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHEN WAS THE LETTER WRITTEN?

22

23 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** THAT LETTER WAS RECEIVED BY ME ON DECEMBER  
24 14.

25



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1   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** SO IT'S BEEN A WEEK. OKAY. LAST  
2   QUESTION. DOES YOUR COMPANY HAVE ANY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
3   MANUFACTURER OF A LAP BAND? IS IT ALLERGAN?

4

5   **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** ABSOLUTELY NOT, NO.

6

7   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** SO LET ME GET TO JUST UNDERSTAND. YOU  
8   HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LAP BAND MANUFACTURER. YOU HAVE  
9   NO RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SURGICAL CENTERS. ALL YOU ARE IS A  
10  MARKETING OPERATION. HOW DO YOU MAKE MONEY?

11

12  **BRIAN OXMAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE ARE HIRED TO DO MARKETING. IT'S  
13  THE SAME --

14

15  **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHO HIRES YOU?

16

17  **BRIAN OXMAN:** THE PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE THE REFERRALS. WE  
18  REPRESENT THEM. AND WE MAKE THE REFERRALS TO THEM. THAT'S HOW  
19  OUR BUSINESS OPERATES. THE SAME AS 1-800-DENTIST. IDENTICAL.

20

21  **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** SO WHEN I CALL YOU UP, YOU'RE SAYING  
22  I'M HIRING YOU.

23

24  **BRIAN OXMAN:** IF YOU WERE A PHYSICIAN AND YOU WANTED --

25



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1   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO IS IT  
2   THAT'S HIRING YOU.

3

4   **BRIAN OXMAN:** THE PHYSICIANS WHO PRACTICE MEDICINE ARE THE ONES  
5   WHO WOULD BE THE ONES WHO WE WOULD MAKE REFERRALS TO.

6

7   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** HOW DO THEY PAY YOU? ON WHAT BASIS? IS  
8   IT A FLAT FEE? AS MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS ASKED, IS IT A COMMISSION?  
9   IS THERE SOME PERCENTAGE? HOW DO THEY PAY YOU? I'M NOT ASKING  
10   YOU HOW MUCH. I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE STRUCTURE IS.

11

12   **BRIAN OXMAN:** IT IS BASED ON WHAT THE -- THE ANSWER IS THAT WE  
13   WOULD SUPPLY YOU WITH THAT INFORMATION. I THINK THAT'S THE  
14   BEST THING TO DO. IT I--WE ARE HIRED BY INDIVIDUAL PHYSICIANS.  
15   AND THAT IS INFORMATION THAT WE WILL SUPPLY YOU WITH.

16

17   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHY CAN'T YOU JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION  
18   NOW?

19

20   **BRIAN OXMAN:** BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THE --

21

22   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOU DON'T KNOW, YOU DON'T KNOW -- I'M  
23   NOT ASKING YOU FOR THE AMOUNTS. I JUST GOT THROUGH SAYING I  
24   DON'T CARE WHAT THE AMOUNTS. I WANT THE KNOW WHAT THE  
25   STRUCTURE IS. IS IT A COMMISSION?



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2 **BRIAN OXMAN:** IT WOULD BE AN ADVERTISING ARRANGEMENT. IT WOULD  
3 BE THE SAME AS 1-800-DENTIST. IDENTICAL.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT 1-800-  
6 DENTIST. I JUST WANT TO KNOW, DO THEY PAY YOU A COMMISSION? DO  
7 THEY PAY YOU A FLAT FEE OR THE COMMISSION?

8

9 **BRIAN OXMAN:** NOT A COMMISSION, NO. IT IS FOR SERVICES. FEE FOR  
10 SERVICES.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THERE'S CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY PER  
13 PATIENT THAT IS REFERRED TO THEM?

14

15 **BRIAN OXMAN:** NO.

16

17 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHY CAN'T YOU JUST TELL ME WHAT THE  
18 STRUCTURE IS?

19

20 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** IT'S BASED UPON THE ADVERTISING.

21

22 **BRIAN OXMAN:** FEE FOR SERVICES FOR ADVERTISING.

23



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT IT'S COMPENSATED BY THE PHYSICIANS,  
2    WHO COULD OR COULD NOT OWN A GIVEN CLINIC HYPOTHETICALLY.  
3    CORRECT?

4

5    **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND THAT.

6

7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, WE'VE TRIED TO GET A SENSE OF WHAT  
8    THE REVENUE GENERATION -- REVENUE GENERATING SCENARIOS ARE.  
9    AND INITIALLY THERE WAS NO RESPONSE. THEN EVENTUALLY YOU SAID  
10   --

11

12   **BRIAN OXMAN:** IT IS AN ADVERTISING CONTRACT AND IT IS A FEE FOR  
13   SERVICES.

14

15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH THE PHYSICIAN.

16

17   **BRIAN OXMAN:** CORRECT.

18

19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND HYPOTHETICALLY THE PHYSICIAN COULD BE  
20   SUBSTANTIALLY INVOLVED WITH A GIVEN CLINIC? NOT NECESSARILY,  
21   BUT COULD BE.

22

23   **BRIAN OXMAN:** THE PHYSICIAN IS THE PHYSICIAN, MR. RIDLEY-  
24   THOMAS. THEY ARE THE ONES PROVIDING THE SERVICES. THEY RECEIVE  
25   THE REFERRAL. SO A CLINIC MUST BE OPERATED BY A PHYSICIAN.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THERE'S A DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE  
3 PHYSICIAN WHO PAYS YOU AND THE GIVEN CLINIC?

4

5 **BRIAN OXMAN:** DIRECT CONNECTION BETWEEN THE PHYSICIAN AND  
6 PATIENT, ABSOLUTELY.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO, NO. NOT THE PATIENT BUT THE CLINIC.

9

10 **BRIAN OXMAN:** THE PHYSICIAN OPERATES THE CLINIC, YES.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US. ANY OTHER  
15 DISCUSSION? MOVED BY RIDLEY-THOMAS. I'LL SECOND IT. WITHOUT  
16 OBJECTION, AS CORRECTED, AS AMENDED, UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK  
17 YOU.

18

19 **ROBERT SILVERMAN:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **BRIAN OXMAN:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM A-6 IF WE COULD HAVE MR. POWERS AND  
24 MENTAL HEALTH AND THE SHERIFF.

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1   **MARK DELGADO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE BOARD OF  
2   SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARK DELGADO, I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
3   DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY-WIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATION  
4   COMMITTEE. AND LAST WEEK C.C.J.C.C., IN COLLABORATION WITH THE  
5   IMPACTED DEPARTMENTS PROVIDED YOUR BOARD WITH A STATUS REPORT  
6   ON RE-ALIGNMENT IMPLEMENTATION IN THE COUNTY INCLUDING DATA  
7   THAT DEPARTMENTS HAVE COLLECTED FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. AND  
8   THAT MEMO IS DATED DECEMBER 15. I'D LIKE TO PROVIDE JUST A  
9   BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE MEMO AND THEN I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER  
10   TO DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO ADD OR HIGHLIGHT ANY POINTS  
11   THAT THEY WOULD LIKE AS WELL AS ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU  
12   MAY HAVE.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTIONS I HAVE RELATIVE, WE'VE HAD  
15   1,269 PAROLEES RELEASED TO PROBATION IN NOVEMBER, WHICH TOTALS  
16   FROM OCTOBER 2,305. OF THE PRERELEASE PACKETS IN NOVEMBER,  
17   IT'S A TOTAL NOW OF 4,851. WE'VE HAD 268 PAROLEES ASSESSED BY  
18   THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, OF WHICH 47 DID NOT NEED  
19   TREATMENT, BUT 68 REFUSED SERVICES AND 153 WERE REFERRED TO  
20   TREATMENT SERVICES. SO THE TOTAL ASSESSED SINCE OCTOBER OF THE  
21   515, 144 HAVE REFUSED TREATMENT AND 288 HAVE GONE TO  
22   TREATMENT. THE 399 WHO WERE REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH FOR  
23   SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION, 56 REPORTED FOR SERVICES THIS  
24   MONTH. AND OF THE TOTAL SINCE OCTOBER OF THE 722 FOR  
25   REFERRALS, ONLY 65 HAVE SHOWED UP. AND THIS JUST AGAIN LOOKS



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1    LIKE -- NOT LOOKS LIKE, IT IS A PANDORA'S BOX WHERE WE'RE  
2    HAVING AN INFLUX IN OUR COMMUNITY OF THESE PEOPLE FROM THE  
3    STATE RE-ALIGNMENT, PUTTING THESE INDIVIDUALS IN LOCAL  
4    CONTROL. OF THE SHERIFF'S JAIL POPULATION, THE AVERAGE LENGTH  
5    OF SENTENCE IS 25 MONTHS. THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME LEFT TO  
6    SERVE UPON SENTENCING IS 7-1/2 MONTHS. AND OF THE 67 NON, NON,  
7    NONS ASSIGNED STATION WORKERS, 33 NON, NON, NONS ARE OUT ON  
8    ELECTRONIC MONITORING G.P.S., WHICH IS BASICALLY NO  
9    PROHIBITION AGAINST COMMITTING ANOTHER CRIME IF THEY SO  
10    DESIRE. SO THE QUESTIONS THAT WE HAVE, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW  
11    COULD YOU ELABORATE ON THE SPECIAL HANDLING REQUESTS,  
12    SPECIFICALLY WHAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS IS DOING  
13    THAT THEY WILL NO LONGER BE DOING AND HOW THAT IMPACTS YOUR  
14    DEPARTMENT IN PROBATION?

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16    **JERRY POWERS:** MR. SUPERVISOR, JERRY POWERS, CHIEF PROBATION  
17    OFFICER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. ESSENTIALLY WHAT THE SPECIAL  
18    HANDLING IS A CLASSIFICATION THAT C.D.C.R. USES FOR  
19    INDIVIDUALS WHO THEY BELIEVE EITHER HAVE SIGNIFICANT MENTAL  
20    HEALTH ISSUES OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENTS THAT WOULD NOT -- THAT  
21    THEY BELIEVE MIGHT IMPAIR THEIR ABILITY TO ACTUALLY MAKE THE  
22    TRIP FROM THE FACILITY BACK TO OUR COUNTY OR MAY HAVE SOME  
23    HIGH LEVEL SECURITY ISSUES THAT THEY BELIEVE THE COUNTY SHOULD  
24    BE AWARE OF AND TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO THE  
25    INDIVIDUAL BEING RELEASED. IT'S AVERAGING SOMEWHERE AROUND 20,



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1 21 A MONTH SO FAR FOR US. WHAT THEY HAVE DONE OR WHAT C.D.C.R.  
2 HAS AGREED TO DO IS TO TRANSPORT THESE INDIVIDUALS TO ONE OF  
3 L.A. COUNTY'S FACILITIES TO PUT THEM CLOSER TO US, ONE OF THE  
4 STATE FACILITIES IN L.A. COUNTY, I SHOULD CLARIFY, SO THAT WE  
5 DON'T, FOR INSTANCE, HAVE TO TRAVEL UP TO PELICAN BAY TO PICK  
6 UP SOMEONE. SO THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY TRAVELING WITHIN THE COUNTY  
7 TO PICK THEM UP AND RETURN THEM TO EITHER A HUB OR TO A MENTAL  
8 HEALTH PROGRAM OR TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL CAN THE CONTRACTOR THAT WE HAVE IN  
11 TODAY'S AGENDA, ASHBURY, PROVIDE THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES  
12 FOR THAT AS PART OF THEIR SERVICES WE WOULD INCLUDE IN THE  
13 CONTRACT?

14

15 **JERRY POWERS:** THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, YES. IN SOME INSTANCES,  
16 I WOULD SAY ABSOLUTELY. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MENTAL CHALLENGES  
17 OR THINGS LIKE THAT. IF IT'S A SITUATION WHERE IT'S A SECURITY  
18 CONCERN FOR US AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE GOT THE BODY  
19 AND THAT WE WANT TO CONTROL WHERE THAT PERSON IS IN OUR COUNTY  
20 AND THINGS LIKE THAT, I'D SAY NO, WE'RE GOING TO GET THEM.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU CAN DO THAT UNILATERALLY WITH THE  
23 MOTION THAT WAS APPROVED TODAY?

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25 **JERRY POWERS:** ABSOLUTELY.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. NOW THE QUESTION THAT IS I THINK VERY  
3 SHOCKING, OF THE 722 PAROLEES WHO HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR  
4 SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, ONLY 65 ARE ACTUALLY REPORTING  
5 RECEIVING THESE SERVICES. IS REQUIREMENT OF THESE SERVICES A  
6 CONDITION OF THEIR PAROLE BY THE STATE?

7

8 **JERRY POWERS:** IT'S NOT A STANDARD CONDITION, MR. SUPERVISOR.  
9 THAT'S PART OF THE REASON THE NUMBERS ARE SO FAR APART IS WHEN  
10 THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE PROCESSED FOR RELEASE, IT TYPICALLY IS  
11 NOT A STANDARD CONDITION. THERE ARE STANDARD CONDITIONS SUCH  
12 AS SEARCH AND SEIZURE AND THINGS LIKE THAT. WHAT IT IS IS IT'S  
13 AN ADDED CONDITION ONCE THEY REPORT TO US. SO WHAT HAPPENS IS  
14 THEY SHOW UP AT ONE OF OUR HUBS, AND THEY'RE ASSESSED. WE SEE  
15 THAT THEY HAVE SOME SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES AND WE MAKE A  
16 VOLUNTARY REFERRAL INITIALLY BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY  
17 UNDER THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO COMPEL IT BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T  
18 BEEN ADDED YET. BUT ONCE THOSE SPECIAL CONDITIONS ARE ADDED,  
19 THEN WE CAN COMPEL THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THESE SESSIONS. SO WHAT  
20 I WOULD SAY TO YOU IS THAT AS WE MOVE FARTHER INTO THIS RE-  
21 ALIGNMENT PROCESS, YOU'LL SEE THAT NUMBER INCREASE.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE A TIME DELAY TO  
24 REQUIRE THAT THEY RECEIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT?

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1   **JERRY POWERS:** THE TIME DELAY IS SIMPLY A FUNCTION OF THE  
2   PROCESS. BECAUSE ONCE WE GET THEM, WE THEN HAVE TO NOTICE THEM  
3   OF THE NEW CONDITION OF RELEASE, IN OTHER WORDS, JUST LIKE A  
4   PROBATION CONDITION OR PAROLE CONDITION, WE HAVE TO GIVE THEM  
5   NOTICE THAT WE'RE IMPLEMENTING THIS NEW REQUIREMENT UPON THEM.  
6   THEY HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF IT AND PROCEDURALLY.

7

8   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT CAN'T THE STATE DO THAT PRIOR TO  
9   RELEASING THEM TO US?

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11   **JERRY POWERS:** IT CAN. IF WE --

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13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THEIR DESIRE.

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15   **JERRY POWERS:** YES SIR, IF WE'VE GOT SUFFICIENT NOTICE, WE CAN  
16   NOTIFY THE STATE THAT WE WOULD LIKE A CERTAIN CONDITION ADDED  
17   TO THEM. THE PROBLEM IS OR THE ISSUE BECOMES --

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHY ISN'T IT A BLANKET REQUIREMENT THAT  
20   THESE INDIVIDUALS WILL RECEIVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AS A  
21   CONDITION OF THE PAROLE FROM THE STATE? BECAUSE THE STATE IS  
22   THE ONE THAT'S DUMPING THEIR -- DUMPING THEIR -- WAREHOUSING  
23   THEM, OPENING THE DOORS TO THE JAILS AND PUTTING THEM DOWN  
24   HERE WITH NO REQUIREMENTS. IT'S A NO BRAINER THAT IF YOU'RE AN



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1 ABUSER, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
2 TREATMENT.

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4 **JERRY POWERS:** UNDERSTOOD. BUT I THINK PART OF THAT IS INTERNAL  
5 TO THE STATE SYSTEM AND I CAN'T SPEAK TO WHAT --

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S DYSFUNCTIONAL.

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9 **JERRY POWERS:** I THINK WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE  
10 THAT THAT'S PROBABLY THE CASE, SIR.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE COURT HAS IDENTIFIED 62 PERSONS THAT HAVE  
13 HAD THEIR CASES FORWARDED TO THE D.A. FOR PROSECUTION. ARE  
14 THESE NEW CHARGES THAT THEY'RE BEING CHARGED WITH? AND IF SO,  
15 WHAT ARE THE CHARGES?

16

17 **JERRY POWERS:** THEY'RE NEW CRIMINAL CHARGES. AND I LOOKED AT  
18 THE LIST BEFORE I CAME OUT TODAY. IT RUNS THE GAMUT. YOU'RE  
19 LOOKING AT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF DRUG OFFENSES, POSSESSION,  
20 SALES, UNDER THE INFLUENCE, AUTO THEFT, BURGLARY, BRANDISHING  
21 WEAPONS, IT RUNS THE GAMUT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS ARE THEY USING? GUNS,  
24 KNIVES?

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1   **JERRY POWERS:** I DON'T HAVE THE SPECIFICS. I WOULD SAY PROBABLY  
2   ALL OF THE ABOVE, SIR.

3

4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT THE GOVERNOR  
5   TOLD US TO OUR FACE WERE GOING TO BE OKAY AND WE COULD HANDLE?

6

7   **JERRY POWERS:** YES.

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9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHEN THEY GO THROUGH THE JUDICIAL PROCESS,  
10   THE PEOPLE, LET'S SAY THE ONES WITH GUNS, AND THEY ARE  
11   SENTENCED, ARE THEY SENTENCED TO A COUNTY JAIL, OR WILL THEY  
12   BE SENT BACK TO A STATE PENITENTIARY?

13

14   **JERRY POWERS:** IN MOST CASES, THEY'RE PROBABLY GOING TO COME  
15   BACK ON A LOCAL SENTENCE, SIR.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BACK TO OUR COUNTY JAIL.

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19   **JERRY POWERS:** YES.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THESE PEOPLE CAN SERVE 8, 10, 20 YEARS IN  
22   THE COUNTY JAIL WHICH ARE NOT BUILT FOR 20-YEAR, 10-YEAR  
23   PRISON SENTENCES OF FELONS.

24

25   **JERRY POWERS:** YES. I CAN'T SPEAK TO WHAT --





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ANOTHER THREAT TO OUR NEIGHBORHOODS.  
3 ON THE SHERIFFS, AS OF DECEMBER 2, YOU HAD REPORTED REPORTED  
4 800 AND -- I ALSO CHECKED THE UNIFORM -- YOU HAVE HAD 833  
5 SENTENCE PAROLE VIOLATORS IN JAIL. WHAT IS THE AVERAGE LENGTH  
6 OF THEIR SENTENCES?

7

8 **CECIL RAMBO:** THE AVERAGE LENGTH IS 180 DAYS. THEY ACTUALLY  
9 STAY 156.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REPORT STATES THAT IT IS SIGNIFICANTLY  
12 HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED. HOW MANY WERE YOU ANTICIPATING?

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14 **JERRY POWERS:** SUPERVISOR, JUST TO CLARIFY ON THAT COMMENT. THE  
15 SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER WAS ACTUALLY IN RELATION TO THE IMPACT  
16 THAT THE POST-RELEASE POPULATION HAS HAD ON REVOCATIONS. I  
17 DON'T KNOW IF I HAD A PROJECTION OF WHAT THE PAROLE REVOCATION  
18 POPULATION WAS GOING TO BE, BUT THAT WOULD JUST INDICATE THAT  
19 OF THE TWO SUPERVISED POPULATIONS, THE POST RELEASE AND THE  
20 STATE PAROLE SUPERVISED, THE STATE PAROLE IS BY FAR HAVING A  
21 MORE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AT THIS POINT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN YOU GIVE US AN UPDATE ON THE FIRE CAMPS?

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1   **ARNOLD YIM:** WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE STATE. IT SEEMS  
2   LIKE IT'S A GREEN LIGHT. I BELIEVE THE FIRST CAMP WE'LL BE  
3   OCCUPYING WITHIN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME WILL BE ACTON.  
4   WERE SOME REQUIREMENTS INITIALLY WITH A MINIMUM TWO-YEAR  
5   SENTENCE, BUT THAT'S BEEN WORKED OUT. AND SO I THINK WITH THE  
6   CURRENT POPULATION OF A YEAR OR LESS THAT WE CAN ACCOMMODATE  
7   THOSE INMATES AND WE CAN START POPULATING THAT IN A VERY SHORT  
8   PERIOD OF TIME.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE -- WE HAD ASKED THAT THE  
11   STAFF WAS VISITING AND EXPLORING OTHER DETENTION FACILITIES IN  
12   THE STATE OR CONTRACTING, FOR CONTRACTING PURPOSES, WHAT IS  
13   THE STATUS OF THE REVIEW OF THOSE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES?

14

15   **ARNOLD YIM:** I DON'T THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO LOOK  
16   AT OR USE INITIALLY, SUPERVISOR. I THINK WE COULD HANDLE THE  
17   INITIAL THRUST OF THIS INCREASE IN INMATE POPULATION LOCALLY  
18   WITHOUT THE USE OF C.C.S. THERE MIGHT BE SOME CONCERN THAT  
19   THEY ARE NOT TITLE 15 COMPLIANT. AND SO WE LOOKED AT THEM.  
20   IT'S AN OPTION. BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'RE REALLY PUTTING  
21   ON THE BACK BURNER. WE'RE REALLY LOOKING MORE AT THE FIRE  
22   CAMPS AND THE LOCAL FACILITIES.

23

24   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE POPULATION OF THE PROPOSED FIRE  
25   CAMPS?



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2 **ARNOLD YIM:** I BELIEVE INITIALLY IT WAS 800 BEDS. AND WITH SOME  
3 INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR, WE COULD PROBABLY BUILD IT OUT TO ABOUT  
4 1,000.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ABOUT 1,000. BUT THEY HAVE TO BE PHYSICALLY  
7 FIT AND ABLE TO FIGHT FIRES.

8

9 **ARNOLD YIM:** ABSOLUTELY, SUPERVISOR. AND LOCALLY AS WE TAKE  
10 OVER THE FIRE CAMPS, WE HAVE A PROCESS THROUGH THE SHERIFF'S  
11 DEPARTMENT WHERE THEY WILL BE ASSESSED MEDICALLY AND WILL BE  
12 DEEMED FIT AND PUT INTO THOSE FIRE CAMPS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THOSE COMING FROM THE  
15 STATE PENITENTIARIES ARE PHYSICALLY FIT TO BE FIGHTING FIRES?  
16 IS THE QUESTION. ARE YOU ANTICIPATING A HIGHER INFLUX OF STATE  
17 INMATES, AND YOU ALREADY HAVE AN OVERCROWDING CONDITION WHERE  
18 YOU HAVE TO RELEASE PEOPLE IN MINUTES, SOMETIMES, OR HOURS.  
19 AND THE AVERAGE SENTENCE IS 20 PERCENT OF YOUR SENTENCE? SO  
20 YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE FULL COMPLIANCE OF YOUR CURRENT.

21

22 **ARNOLD YIM:** I BELIEVE THE FIRE CAMPS WILL WORK WITH MORE OF A  
23 FIX FOR THE N3 POPULATION, OUR COUNTY SENTENCED INMATES ARE  
24 THE ONES THAT THE 20 PERCENT IS APPLIED TO CURRENTLY AND THE  
25 75 PERCENT FOR THE MORE SERIOUS CRIMES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN WE WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTRACT FOR BIDS  
3 DOWN THE LINE IF IT'S A CASE WHERE WE MUST ACT BY A CERTAIN  
4 TIME, OTHERWISE THERE WILL BE NO LONGER ANY BED SPACE  
5 AVAILABLE FOR THAT INMATE?

6

7 **ARNOLD YIM:** WELL, POTENTIALLY, YES, YOU'RE RIGHT SUPERVISOR.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO I WOULD REQUEST THAT YOU PROVIDE US WITH A  
10 WRITTEN UPDATE OF WHERE WE ARE RELATIVE TO THE FIRE CAMPS AS  
11 WELL AS THE CONTRACTED CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES BEFORE THE NEXT  
12 RE-ALIGNMENT REPORT THAT YOU'LL PRESENT TO THE BOARD. AND THEN  
13 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO AMEND THAT ON ITEM A-6, MOVE IT THAT THE  
14 BOARD REVISE A-6 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: DISCUSSIONS ON THE STATUS  
15 OF PUBLIC SAFETY REQUIREMENT A.B.109 AND ITS IMPACT ON LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY.

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18 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE. YES. SUPERVISOR  
19 MOLINA?

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WAS READING, LOOKING AT THIS REPORT, THE  
22 COUNTY-WIDE, THE COORDINATION COMMITTEE REPORT. I'D LIKE TO  
23 ASK MR. POWERS, YOU'VE READ THIS REPORT. WHAT DOES IT SAY  
24 ABOUT US IN L.A. COUNTY OTHER THAN WE'RE COUNTING A LOT OF  
25 NUMBERS? WHAT DOES IT SAY?



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**JERRY POWERS:** WELL, I THINK -- I GUESS MY COMMENTS WOULD BE THAT WE'RE SPENDING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME TRYING TO GET OUR MINDS AROUND WHAT THIS POPULATION IS. AND, FRANKLY, TO YOUR QUESTION, WHAT IT MEANS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'VE HAD MULTIPLE REQUESTS FROM THE BOARD, FROM ACADEMICS, FROM THE STATE TO TRACK THIS POPULATION. WE DON'T HAVE A GOOD SENSE AT THIS POINT ON HOW MANY OF THESE PARAMETERS OR HOW MANY OF THESE ISSUES THAT THESE GUYS PRESENT THAT WE CAN EVEN TRACK OR THAT WE HAVE THE RESOURCES TO TRACK. RIGHT NOW, THIS REPORT IS A BUNCH OF WIDGETS, LET'S BE HONEST. BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS THE IMPORTANT NUMBERS THAT WE NEED TO TRACK.

14

**SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IN YOUR OPINION WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT NUMBER TO TRACK?

17

**JERRY POWERS:** WELL, I THINK SOME OF IT IS WORTHWHILE. WE WANT TO KNOW HOW MANY OF THESE GUYS ARE REOFFENDING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT TYPES OF OFFENSES THEY'RE COMMITTING.

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**SUP. MOLINA:** SEE, I SEE IT DIFFERENTLY. BECAUSE THE WHOLE IDEA, AS I UNDERSTAND THIS RE-ALIGNMENT, BESIDES THE CATCH THEM AND PUT THEM AWAY WAS THE WHOLE IDEA THAT THEY COME NOW



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1 TO A SET OF SERVICES. AND WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT IT WHEN WE  
2 WERE DESIGNING SUPPOSEDLY THIS PROGRAM, THAT THERE WERE A SET  
3 OF REFERRAL SERVICES, EVERYTHING FROM HOUSING TO SUBSTANCE  
4 ABUSE TO WHATEVER THEY NEEDED. AND IN HERE, I DON'T GET IT. I  
5 DON'T FIND THEM. I GET REFERRALS TO MENTAL HEALTH. AND THEY  
6 CAN BE EVERYTHING FROM VERY ACUTE TO 63 PEOPLE THAT SAID SCREW  
7 OFF, I DON'T WANT NOTHING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS FOR  
8 US. SO DO WE HAVE 63 LUNATICS WALKING OUT THERE? I DON'T KNOW  
9 WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME. AND SO CONSEQUENTLY I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
10 IT MEANS. YOU HAVE A LOT OF NUMBERS ON THIS REPORT. AND IT  
11 LOOKS LIKE NEXT MONTH, I'LL GET MORE NUMBERS. REMEMBER, I  
12 WANTED THE OCTOBER SEGREGATED. AND YOU SAID YOU CAN'T DO IT  
13 FOR SOME REASON. AND NOW I JUST DON'T KNOW. SO THESE NUMBERS  
14 ARE GOING TO KEEP ADDING UP. BUT YOU JUST SEEM TO KNOW WHAT  
15 YOU WANT WHEN YOU WANT MORE MONEY, YOU SEEM TO WANT  
16 INTERPRETERS FOR REVOCATION HEARINGS, OF WHICH YOU'VE HAD  
17 NONE. WHAT IS IT WITH THIS REPORT? SHOULDN'T IT BE MORE  
18 SUBSTANTIVE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ACHIEVING THE GOALS INSTEAD  
19 OF JUST NUMBER COUNTING? NOW, I APPRECIATE THE NUMBER COUNTS  
20 BECAUSE THAT'S ALWAYS GOOD BACKUP. BUT THIS REPORT HAS NO  
21 ANALYSIS WHATSOEVER. IT HAS NO SUBSTANCE FROM THE STANDPOINT  
22 OF WHAT IS IT THAT WE ARE DOING HERE BESIDES COUNTING THESE  
23 FOLKS? I MEAN WHEN WE GET REFERRED TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
24 AND 63 PEOPLE SAID "I DON'T WANT TO GO," WHAT LEVEL OF 63  
25 PEOPLE SAID THAT? AND WHERE DID THEY GO?



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2 **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, IF I CAN RESPOND TO THAT. I THINK THAT  
3 YOUR POINTS ARE VERY WELL TAKEN.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOUR JUST THE NUMBER COUNTER.

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7 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE JUST THE NUMBER COUNTER.

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11 **SPEAKER:** WELL NO. I MEAN, I THINK THAT AS THE CHIEF WAS  
12 MENTIONING, EVERYONE IS SORT OF TRYING TO GET THEIR HANDS  
13 AROUND THIS AND THE EARLIEST METRICS --

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE FOR TO GET YOUR HANDS  
16 AROUND IT? YOU'VE GOT THE NUMBERS. WHO'S GOING TO ANALYZE WHAT  
17 THOSE NUMBERS MEAN?

18

19 **SPEAKER:** SUGGEST THAT THIS THERE'S OBVIOUSLY THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
20 RE-ALIGNMENT TEAM AS YOU KNOW, THAT'S BEEN WORKING ON  
21 IMPLEMENTING THIS PROGRAM. I SUGGEST AND WE WILL GO BACK TO  
22 PUT TOGETHER A GROUP THAT WILL REDESIGN THIS REPORT IN A WAY  
23 THAT WILL ADDRESS, FIRST OFF, IDENTIFY THE ISSUES THAT I THINK  
24 WOULD BE IN OUR OPINION AND PROVIDE YOUR BOARD THE BEST AMOUNT  
25 OF INFORMATION.





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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHAT IS THE END RESULT HERE? I MEAN, SUPPOSEDLY  
3 IS IT YOU ARE JUST WAITING FOR THEM TO REOFFEND AND LET'S  
4 CATCH THEM AND LOCK THEM UP AGAIN? THAT'S THE POINT? I DON'T  
5 THINK THAT WAS THE POINT. I THOUGHT THE POINT WAS THAT WE'RE  
6 GOING TO TRY AND, QUOTE, FIND A WAY TO CREATE SUPPORTIVE  
7 SERVICES FOR THESE FOLKS THAT NEED HELP AT ALL DIFFERENT  
8 LEVELS. AND YET I DON'T SEE THAT IN THIS REPORT. I MEAN I  
9 DON'T EVEN SEE THE REOFFEND STUFF BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T CAUGHT  
10 ANYBODY AS YET. SO I'M NOT SO SURE THAT YOU'RE GETTING IT. SO  
11 YOU'RE GIVING ME A LOT OF NUMBERS, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT EVEN  
12 THREE MONTHS OR SIX MONTHS FROM NOW THIS IS GOING TO TELL ME  
13 WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THIS PROGRAM. I'M PAYING FOR REFERRAL  
14 SERVICES. AND I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY'S GETTING THEM,  
15 ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT. RIGHT?

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17 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S RIGHT.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WHEN DO YOU THINK WE'LL FIND OUT?

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21 **JERRY POWERS:** I THINK -- I GUESS --

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23 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE OCTOBER FOLKS SHOULD HAVE ALREADY BEEN GOING  
24 THROUGH SUBSTANCE ABUSE. HOW MANY ARE GOING THROUGH IT?

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1   **JERRY POWERS:** WE DID HEAR WHAT YOU ASKED FOR LAST MONTH,  
2   SUPERVISOR.

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4   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND I GOT A RESPONSE THAT SAID YOU COULDN'T  
5   FIGURE OUT WHAT OCTOBER NUMBERS WERE.

6

7   **JERRY POWERS:** WE DID SEPARATE THE OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER NUMBERS  
8   AND WE CAN PROVIDE THEM TO YOU. WHAT I WILL SAY, SUPERVISOR,  
9   IS A COUPLE THINGS. NUMBER ONE, WE'RE ONLY TEN WEEKS INTO  
10   THIS. THIS IS A FLOOD OF INFORMATION COMING TO US UNLIKE WE'VE  
11   EVER SEEN IN OUR SYSTEM.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT MR. POWERS, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, THIS IS  
14   2,000 FOLKS THAT CAME HERE TO THE COMMUNITY. OKAY? THIS ISN'T  
15   JUST NUMBERS. IT'S A PROCESS. WE'RE PUTTING IN A LOT OF MONEY.  
16   AND I'M NOT SO SURE WE HAVE ANY UNDERSTANDING HOW THESE  
17   INDIVIDUALS ARE FUNCTIONING AND OPERATING. I THINK ALL YOU ARE  
18   IS WAITING FOR THEM TO REOFFEND AND THEN THAT WAY YOU CAN TELL  
19   WHERE THEY'RE AT.

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21   **JERRY POWERS:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE'RE WAITING FOR THEM TO  
22   REOFFEND BUT I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW BECAUSE CERTAINLY WE'RE  
23   BEING ASKED MONTHLY HOW MANY OF THEM HAVE REOFFENDED. SO IT'S  
24   SOMETHING WE HAVE TO TRACK FOR THIS BOARD AND FOR OTHERS. WE  
25   HAVE FOCUSED, AS I SAID, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WIDGET NUMBERS



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1    HERE FOR YOU. WE HAVE FOCUSED ON THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS  
2    THAT ARE COMING INTO THIS SYSTEM. FRANKLY, PART OF IT OR A  
3    SIGNIFICANT REASON BEHIND THAT IS BECAUSE THOSE NUMBERS EQUATE  
4    TO FISCAL IMPACTS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO WE NEED TO GET A  
5    SENSE OF THAT SO THAT WHEN THE STATE COMES AND WE ENGAGE IN  
6    THE DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW MUCH MONEY WE'RE GOING TO NEED FOR  
7    YEAR TWO OF THIS, WE CAN BE READY WITH SOME INTELLIGENT  
8    ANSWERS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN YEAR ONE AND HOW MUCH OF AN  
9    IMPACT THERE WAS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, TO MENTAL HEALTH  
10   SERVICES, TO THE SHERIFF'S CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, TO  
11   PROBATION.

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13   **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TELL ON THE  
14   MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BECAUSE YOU DON'T TRACK THEM.

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16   **JERRY POWERS:** WE'RE TRYING. BUT IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS,  
17   MA'AM. I WOULD NOT TELL YOU THAT WE'RE TRACKING EVERYTHING.

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19   **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT EVERYTHING IS ALWAYS A WORK IN  
20   PROGRESS. BUT UNDERSTAND IN OCTOBER THERE WAS 1,000. IN  
21   NOVEMBER THERE WAS AN INITIAL THOUSAND. SO EVENTUALLY THE  
22   NUMBER WILL GET BIGGER.

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24   **JERRY POWERS:** WELL IT SHOULD LEVEL OFF, ACTUALLY.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** REALLY? WHY?

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3    **JERRY POWERS:** YES, YES. IT SHOULD LEVEL OFF. BECAUSE WHAT  
4    HAPPENS IS AS THE PAROLEES, THE PAROLEE POPULATION WENDS ITS  
5    WAY THROUGH THE SYSTEM, WE THEN END UP WITH THIS POPULATION  
6    THAT'S OUR LOCAL FOLKS THAT ARE BEING SENTENCED TO THE JAILS.

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8    **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO THEY'RE NOT ENTITLED THOSE SOCIAL  
9    SERVICES.

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11    **JERRY POWERS:** NO, NOT AT ALL, MA'AM. THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M  
12    SAYING.

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14    **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY ARE ENTITLED TO THEM.

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16    **JERRY POWERS:** ABSOLUTELY THEY ARE.

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18    **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THEM IN PLACE NOW.

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20    **JERRY POWERS:** IF YOU LOOK AT THE FUNDING MODEL FROM THE STATE,  
21    AS THE PAROLEE POPULATION THAT WE'RE TAKING FROM THE PRISONS,  
22    THAT POPULATION WILL DIMINISH BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO ALL  
23    COME OUT. THEY'RE NOT GOING BACK IN. BUT AS THAT POPULATION  
24    DIMINISHES, THE POPULATION COMING OUT OF THE SHERIFF'S  
25    FACILITIES WILL BEGIN TO INCREASE BECAUSE THEY'LL FINISH THEIR



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1 SENTENCES. AND AT SOME POINT WE WILL HIT A FAIRLY STABLE  
2 NUMBER.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WHEN THAT STABLE NUMBER HITS, THAT'S WHEN  
5 YOU'LL KNOW WHAT LEVEL OF MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE,  
6 HOMELESS SERVICES YOU'RE PROVIDING?

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8 **JERRY POWERS:** WE WON'T HAVE TO GROW THE SERVICES LIKE WE ARE  
9 NOW. WE ARE RUNNING AS FAST AS WE CAN TO DEAL WITH MENTAL  
10 HEALTH ISSUES THAT YOUR BOARD IS AWARE OF WITH RESPECT TO  
11 STATE HOSPITALIZATION OR POTENTIAL STATE HOSPITALIZATION, FOR  
12 PROBATION ISSUES, TRYING TO GET STAFF ON BOARD, TO DO SOLE  
13 SOURCE CONTRACTS, TO DO R.F.P.S.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. AND THAT'S -- WE JUST DID A WHOLE  
16 SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT RIGHT NOW FOR HOMELESS THINGS. AND YET  
17 YOU CAN'T IDENTIFY IN HERE HOW MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE NEEDED  
18 THOSE SERVICES.

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20 **JERRY POWERS:** I SAID, WE'RE TEN WEEKS INTO THIS.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT YOU'RE BUSY GETTING CONTRACTS,  
23 PUTTING A DOLLAR AMOUNT ON THEM AS YOU WILL BE IN OTHER AREAS.  
24 AND OUT OF TWO MONTHS OF REPORTING, YOU CAN'T TELL ME, WE



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1 SHOULD KNOW, HOW MANY OF THOSE FOLKS NEEDED THAT KIND OF  
2 HOUSING.

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4 **JERRY POWERS:** ABOUT 1 IN 4 SO FAR, SO FAR.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S NOT IN HERE. DO YOU HAVE IT IN HERE? IT'S  
7 NOT IN HERE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** IT'S NOT IN THERE, SUPERVISOR.

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11 **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW. SO THE POINT IS -- AGAIN, LOCK THEM UP,  
12 DO THAT KIND OF STUFF. BUT THERE'S A PART OF THIS PROGRAM, AS  
13 WELL, IN WHICH YOU'RE GETTING FUNDING FOR. BUT IF AT THE END  
14 OF THE DAY THEY DON'T COME TO THOSE SERVICES, THEY DON'T MAKE  
15 USE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THEN ALL YOU'RE GOING GET  
16 REIMBURSEMENT FROM, IF ANYTHING, IS GOING TO BE FOR THE LOCK  
17 THEM UP, WHICH MAY BE OKAY. THE PROBLEM IS THERE'S A WHOLE  
18 GROUP OF FOLKS, INCLUDING ME, WHO THINK THERE MIGHT BE SOME  
19 VALUE IN THE, QUOTE, "SUPPORTIVE SERVICES", COMMUNITY  
20 SERVICES, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF MENTAL HEALTH, IN WHICH  
21 THAT COULD BE VITAL. BUT IN HERE IT'S NOT TRACKED. I MEAN IN  
22 THE MENTAL HEALTH NUMBERS, I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU WILL KNOW  
23 NEXT MONTH WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OCTOBER GUY THAT GOT SENT. YOU  
24 CAN'T TRACK IT BECAUSE I HAVE TO GO INTO THE INDIVIDUAL FILE,  
25 YOU SAID.



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2 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, ON THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, WE  
3 ARE TRACKING BOTH THE SERVICES AND THE COSTS FOR ALL OF THESE  
4 INDIVIDUALS AS THEY ENROLL IN OUR SYSTEM, BOTH IN OUR DIRECTLY  
5 OPERATED CLINICS AND OUR CONTRACT AGENCIES. SO WE HAVE AND CAN  
6 PROVIDE THAT DATA.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND IF THEY'RE ENROLLED IN THAT, HOW DO YOU KNOW  
9 HOW OFTEN THEY'RE COMING AND MAKING USE OF YOUR SERVICES?

10

11 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** BECAUSE EACH VISIT IS TRACKED AND BILLED AND  
12 CHARTED SEPARATELY.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT NOW IF I ASKED YOU FOR THE OCTOBER PEOPLE  
15 THAT WERE ENROLLED IN YOUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, YOU COULD  
16 TELL ME HOW MANY TODAY ARE MAKING USE OF IT?

17

18 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES, SUPERVISOR.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN WHY ISN'T IT IN HERE?

21

22 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** IT WASN'T ASKED FOR TO BE IN THIS REPORT. BUT  
23 WE HAVE THE DATA, SUPERVISOR.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT TO ME THAT DOESN'T MAKE  
2   SENSE. BECAUSE IF I KNOW THAT YOU'VE ASSESSED SO MANY OF THESE  
3   FOLKS THAT NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THEY'VE BEEN REFERRED  
4   TO THOSE SERVICES, AND THEY'RE MAKING USE OF IT, I THINK  
5   THAT'S A GOOD NUMBER TO KNOW. WHY WOULDN'T WE WANT TO KNOW?  
6   RIGHT? WE WOULD KNOW THAT AT LEAST SOME OF THIS PROGRAM IS  
7   WORKING.

8

9   **SPEAKER:** SUPERVISOR, WE DEFINITELY WILL GO BACK AND REVISE THE  
10   REPORT, REDESIGN IT AND TRY TO CAPTURE AS MUCH OF THIS  
11   INFORMATION AS WE CAN.

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** I KNOW, BUT YOU'RE CAPTURING A LOT OF NUMBERS  
14   THAT DON'T MAKE SENSE, OKAY? WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS WHAT GROUP  
15   OF THESE FOLKS, THESE OFFENDERS, ARE MAKING USE OF THESE VERY  
16   ELABORATE WEB AND NETWORK OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES? IF IT'S ONLY  
17   10 PERCENT, I WANT TO KNOW. IF THESE GUYS ARE SAYING "FORGET  
18   IT, I DON'T WANT HOMELESS SERVICES, I DON'T WANT MENTAL HEALTH  
19   SERVICES, I DON'T WANT NONE OF THIS CRAP, JUST LEAVE ME  
20   ALONE", I WANT TO KNOW THAT. I CAN'T TELL BY THIS. I CAN'T  
21   TELL. NOW, YEAH, MORE THAN LIKELY, IF THEY DON'T CHANGE THEIR  
22   WAYS, THEY'RE GOING TO REOFFEND AND THEY'RE GOING TO END UP  
23   AGAIN. BUT I'M NOT SO SURE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO  
24   TELL ME WHEN THEY REOFFEND BECAUSE I'M NOT SO SURE THAT YOU  
25   CAN TRACK IT. I DON'T KNOW.



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2 **JERRY POWERS:** WHAT WE'LL DO IS WE WILL GO BACK AND WE WILL TRY  
3 AND COME UP WITH SOME MORE MEANINGFUL DATA FOR YOU. I WOULD  
4 SAY THAT IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAS SOME SPECIFIC MEASUREMENTS  
5 THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE FROM US, WE'D BE MORE THAN WILLING TO  
6 SEE HOW WE CAN INCORPORATE THAT.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL I THINK THAT AGAIN YOU ASKED FOR ALL THIS  
9 MONEY FOR AN INFORMATION SYSTEM. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT IT  
10 WOULD BE SIMPLE ENOUGH TO CREATE THE KIND OF TEMPLATE THAT  
11 SAYS IF EVERYBODY'S ON THE RIGHT TRACK, A PROBATION OFFICER  
12 HAS ASSIGNED THIS GUY TO THIS JOB OR THIS WORK SOURCE CENTER  
13 AND THIS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND THIS SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
14 PROGRAM, THAT EVERYBODY WHO'S ON THE RIGHT TRACK YOU WOULD  
15 HAVE THE ABILITY TO TELL ME THAT. UNDER THESE NUMBERS, I CAN'T  
16 TELL BECAUSE ALL I'M GETTING IS THESE ISOLATED NUMBERS IN  
17 MENTAL HEALTH, THESE ISOLATED NUMBERS IN EACH OF THESE AREAS  
18 THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY IT'S NOT TELLING ME MUCH ABOUT THIS  
19 PROGRAM. SO I WOULD SUGGEST, MR. POWERS, THAT YOU READ THIS  
20 REPORT BEFORE IT COMES TO US AND YOU GIVE US A PROBATION  
21 ANALYSIS AS TO IS IT MEETING OR ACHIEVING ITS GOALS? I CAN'T  
22 TELL. IF I WERE TO READ THIS, I'D HAVE TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME  
23 IN TRYING TO FORMULATE A SET OF QUESTIONS THAT WOULD BE  
24 SIGNIFICANT, I MEAN, IN ANY WAY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS GOING ON  
25 WITH THIS POPULATION. RIGHT NOW, THEY'RE ALL GOING INTO



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1 DIFFERENT LITTLE RAT HOLES AND I CAN'T TELL WHICH ONE IS  
2 FUNCTIONING OR NOT. IN PARTICULAR, IF I CAN'T FOLLOW THEM WITH  
3 OCTOBER NUMBERS BECAUSE NOW THEY'RE JUST PUT INTO THIS BIG POT  
4 SO I DON'T KNOW. SO IT REALLY REQUIRES MUCH MORE. NOW, I KNOW  
5 THAT YOU'RE JUST IN THE BEGINNING STAGES OF IT. BUT I WANT YOU  
6 TO KNOW THAT IN THESE BEGINNING STAGES, IT'S ALREADY VERY  
7 CONFUSING. SO IT'S NOT SHOWING ME ANYTHING. SO I DON'T KNOW  
8 THAT IN SIX MONTHS FROM NOW YOU WON'T BE SITTING THERE AND  
9 I'LL BE ASKING YOU THE SAME QUESTIONS AND THAT WILL BE PRETTY  
10 PATHETIC.

11

12 **JERRY POWERS:** I HOPE NOT, MA'AM.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HOPE NOT, EITHER. I HOPE YOU'RE LISTENING. IT  
15 ISN'T JUST NUMBERS. BUT WHAT IS IT MEETING AS FAR AS ITS  
16 OUTCOMES? AND I'M NOT SO SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE OUTCOMES  
17 BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT MEASURING AGAINST THOSE OUTCOMES, I CAN'T  
18 TELL. SUPPOSEDLY THIS PROGRAM, AS I UNDERSTOOD, BESIDES "WE  
19 KEEP THEM FROM NOW ON" IS THAT THERE'S A SET OF SUPPORTIVE  
20 SERVICES THAT THESE GUYS ARE SUPPOSED TO GET, RIGHT? SO EVEN  
21 IF THEY GO INTO JAIL FOR THREE OR FOUR WEEKS, OR TWO DAYS,  
22 THEY COME OUT AND THEY HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM, WE ARE  
23 SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE THEM SOME ASSISTANCE. THEY TURN US DOWN, I  
24 WANT TO KNOW WHAT THAT IS. BUT WE'RE NOT GETTING ALL OF THAT  
25 IN HERE.



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2 **JERRY POWERS:** WE'LL WORK ON THAT, MA'AM.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISOR. WE WILL GO BACK AND REDESIGN  
5 THIS AND WORK WITH YOUR STAFF ALSO.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT LOOKS SOMEWHAT LIKE THAT AFTER CARE PROGRAM  
8 THAT I SEE AT PROBATION EVERY --

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10 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? WE HAVE A  
11 MOTION. MOVED BY ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY KNABE. AND WE HAVE --  
12 HANG ON, WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. ALBERT NOVELOZO, CHRISTINE  
13 WANG, MARY SUTTON, AND DAVID CHAVEZ. ONE MINUTE EACH. OKAY.  
14 WHO'S GOING TO GO FIRST? LET'S GO. MR. NOVELOZO? MR. NOVELOZO,  
15 IS THAT YOU? WHY DON'T YOU START?

16

17 **ALBERT NOVELOZO:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE  
18 SERIOUSLY MATTERS OF PUBLIC SAFETY, I DON'T THINK FURTHER  
19 EXPANSION OF THE COUNTY JAILS, WHICH I THINK WAS REFERRED TO  
20 AS COMMUNITY CORRECTION FACILITIES, IS GOING TO BE THE ANSWER.  
21 AND AS A MATTER OF FACT, I THINK IT'S COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. L.A.  
22 JAILS HAVE A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE AND BRUTALITY AGAINST THE  
23 INMATES AND THIS DOESN'T PREPARE THEM FOR REENTRY. I'D LIKE TO  
24 ENCOURAGE THE SUPERVISORS WITH THEIR POSITION OF AUTHORITY TO  
25 CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR MORE INTEGRITY-BASED PROGRAMMING. AND I



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1 JUST DON'T BELIEVE THAT FURTHER EXPANSION IS GOING TO BE  
2 USEFUL. AND I THINK THAT'S MY COMMENT FOR TODAY.

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4 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CHRISTINE WANG?

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6 **CHRISTINE WANG:** I'D LIKE TO GIVE MY MINUTE TO DAVID.

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8 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOU CAN'T DO THAT. IF YOU DON'T WANT  
9 TO SPEAK, WE'LL JUST GO ON TO THE NEXT PERSON.

10

11 **CHRISTINE WANG:** SURE. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
12 FOR EMPHASIZING YOUR INTEREST IN COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORTIVE  
13 SYSTEMS. WE AT SIERRA COMPLETELY AGREE WITH YOU AND WE REALLY  
14 THINK THAT IT'S THE SUPPORTIVE SYSTEM THAT RE-ALIGNMENT MONIES  
15 WOULD MOST BENEFIT THIS POPULATION. AND WHEN WE ASK WHAT THIS  
16 POPULATION IS, I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT THIS POPULATION IS PART  
17 OF OUR COMMUNITY. IT'S OUR FAMILIES. IT'S OUR FRIENDS. AND  
18 THEY'RE PEOPLE WHO I TOTALLY AGREE IT'S NOT ABOUT LOCKING THEM  
19 UP AGAIN, WAITING FOR THEM TO COMMIT RE-OFFENSES. WE REALLY  
20 HAVE TO, I THINK, THINK ABOUT THIS POPULATION AS PEOPLE, AS  
21 MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

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23 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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25 **CHRISTINE WANG:** THANK YOU.



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** LET ME ASK JERRY SILVA TO COME DOWN.

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4 **SPEAKER:** SHE HAD TO LEAVE.

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6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** SHE HAD TO LEAVE. OKAY. SO MARY  
7 SUTTON.

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9 **MARY SUTTON:** MARY SUTTON, I'M A MEMBER OF CRITICAL RESISTANCE  
10 IN CURB, STATEWIDE ALLIANCE OF OVER 40 ORGANIZATIONS FIGHTING  
11 PRISON AND JAIL EXPANSION. AND, YEAH, I'D LIKE TO REITERATE MY  
12 PEER'S COMMENTS. I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT TALKING ABOUT THIS  
13 POPULATION AS A NONHUMAN ENTITY, A NONHUMAN ELEMENT. WE NEED  
14 TO BE TALKING ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO HELP THESE PEOPLE  
15 SUCCEED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND COME BACK TO THEIR FAMILIES.  
16 WHOLE COMMUNITY'S BEEN DEVASTATED AND DISENFRANCHISED BY 25,  
17 30 YEARS OF BAD SENTENCING POLICY. SO WE NEED TO FOCUS ON  
18 WHAT'S GOING TO STOP THAT ESCALATION OF INCARCERATION. LOS  
19 ANGELES COULD SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE WHOLE COUNTRY. THERE ARE  
20 13 STATES THOUGH ALREADY DOING THE RIGHT THING, TAKING THE  
21 MEASURES TO REDUCE POPULATIONS, DE-INCARCERATE AND FOCUS ON  
22 CHANGING SENTENCING, THE SENTENCING STRUCTURE. YOU SHOULDN'T  
23 PUT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES IN PRISONS. IF THEY DIDN'T  
24 HAVE A DISABILITY BEFORE, THEY DO WHEN THEY COME OUT. WE'RE  
25 DESTROYING FAMILIES. WE'RE DESTROYING INDIVIDUALS. THIS IS A



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1 CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE AND WE DON'T WANT MORE JAILS BECAUSE IT  
2 MEANS YOU WON'T DO THE RIGHT THING.

3

4 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU, MS.  
5 SUTTON. DAVID CHAVEZ.

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7 **DAVID CHAVEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS DAVID CHAVEZ WITH THE YOUTH  
8 JUSTICE COALITION FREE L.A. HIGH SCHOOL. REALLY QUICKLY, I  
9 WANT TO JUST POINT OUT TO WHAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS PRESENTED  
10 EARLIER THIS MONTH. IT'S ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS. THERE WAS A  
11 DECLARATION THAT WE WOULD OBSERVE THIS MONTH AS HUMAN RIGHTS  
12 MONTH. I THINK IT'S KIND OF FUNNY THAT WE'RE ALLOWING THE  
13 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO COME UP HERE AND SPEAK, ONE OF THE  
14 BIGGEST HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS IN OUR COUNTY AND ALSO OUR  
15 STATE. JUST HERE IN L.A. COUNTY ALONE, NOT TO PUT ALL THE  
16 BLAME ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BUT THERE'S BEEN 198  
17 MURDERS BY POLICE IN L.A. COUNTY SINCE 2007. THAT MEANS 1 OUT  
18 OF EVERY 20 HOMICIDES IN L.A. COUNTY IS DONE BY A POLICE  
19 OFFICER. AND I DON'T REALLY SEE WHAT'S HUMAN OR RIGHT ABOUT  
20 EITHER OF THOSE TWO ISSUES. SO TYING THIS BACK INTO RE-  
21 ALIGNMENT, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE INVESTING IN  
22 PROGRAMS THAT WORK, NOT FUNDING PEOPLE THAT HAVE HISTORIES OF  
23 VIOLENCE, WE NEED TO BE FUNDING ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE WORKING  
24 WELL AND EVEN GO ON WHAT SHERIFF LEE BACA SAYS, THAT HE'S  
25 QUOTED IN THE L.A. TIMES AS SAYING THAT IN TERMS OF YOUTH





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1 BEING IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW THAT WE CANNOT ARREST OR  
2 INCARCERATE OURSELVES OUT OF YOUTH VIOLENCE. AND I THINK WE  
3 SHOULD TAKE UP THIS IN TERMS AROUND ALL VIOLENCE IN OUR  
4 COMMUNITIES. WE CAN'T ARREST AND INCARCERATE OURSELVES OUT OF  
5 THAT.

6

7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. KNABE?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ONLY THING THAT I WANTED TO ASK, I UNDERSTAND  
10 WHERE SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S COMING, I THINK THAT IS THE RIGHT  
11 INFORMATION THAT WE NEED. BUT I'M NOT SURE THAT EVERY THREE OR  
12 FOUR WEEKS WE'LL BE ABLE TO GENERATE THAT. MAYBE EVERY OTHER  
13 MONTH SO WE GET A LITTLE BIT BETTER FEEL SO WE DON'T START TWO  
14 WEEKS INTO IT AND THEN TRY TO PUT SOMETHING TOGETHER AND THEN  
15 WE DON'T FINISH THE WHOLE MONTH? LIKE EVERY OTHER MONTH  
16 GETTING AN UPDATE. I'M NOT ARGUING AGAINST YOUR RIGHT NOW  
17 STUFF. I'M JUST TALKING ABOUT ON AN ONGOING BASIS INSTEAD OF  
18 EVERY -- SO THAT WE CAN GET INFORMATION THAT WE CAN DEAL  
19 WITHIN THAT NEW FORMAT.

20

21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE THE MOTION BEFORE US.  
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. MR. ANTONOVICH, ANYTHING  
23 ELSE?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, I DO. ITEM 13.



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ITEM 13.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EXCUSE ME. LET ME DO ITEM NO. 7, THAT WAS THE  
5 MERRICK BOBB CONTRACT. THE PROBLEM I HAVE WITH THE PROPOSAL  
6 BEFORE US TODAY IS TO GIVE MERRICK BOBB A 50 PERCENT INCREASE  
7 IN HIS BILLABLE HOURS WHICH INCREASES HIS COUNTY EARNINGS FROM  
8 \$223,000 TO \$334,500. THE REASON IS THE ANTICIPATION OF A  
9 SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THE TIME BEING DEVOTED TO ASSIST ON THE  
10 NEW CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE FOR THE POTENTIAL  
11 SAVINGS IN LIABILITY OVER THE YEARS. HOWEVER, THE COUNTY HAS  
12 ALREADY CREATED A CITIZENS' COMMISSION WITH FORMIDABLE MEMBERS  
13 ON A PRO BONO BASIS. EVEN WITH THE BUDGET SPACE AND STAFF, THE  
14 COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING OTHER HIGHLY REPUTABLE PUBLIC  
15 SERVANTS FOR STAFF POSITIONS AGAIN ON A PRO BONO BASIS. THAT  
16 MEANS NO COST TO THE TAXPAYERS. THE REASON THIS FOCUS IS  
17 BECAUSE OF THE SHRINKING BUDGETS THAT WE HAVE AND WE KNOW  
18 WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM NEXT YEAR WHEN WE DEAL  
19 WITH THE 2012-2013 BUDGET. MERRICK BOBB HAS HAD A CONTRACT FOR  
20 20 YEARS WITH THE COUNTY, EARNING OVER \$4 MILLION. FOR THE  
21 FIRST 17 YEARS AND 223,000 FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS. THE  
22 COUNTY AS I SAID HAS PAID OVER \$4 MILLION IN THE COURSE OF  
23 THOSE 20 YEARS. AND THERE'S NO COMPELLING REASON OR  
24 JUSTIFICATION TO GIVE AN ADDITIONAL 500 ADDITIONAL HOURS. THE  
25 MOTION TOUCHES ON THE ANTICIPATED ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMISSION



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1 OF POSSIBLY MONITORING THEIR FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
2 COMMISSION, BUT THERE'S NO REASON WHY MR. BOBB COULDN'T DO  
3 THOSE SAME THINGS AT THE CURRENT RATE OF COMPENSATION. HE  
4 COULD DO THE SAME CARRYING POLICIES, CARRYING OUT THOSE  
5 POLICIES WITH THE CURRENT COMPENSATION THAT HE RECEIVES. IF  
6 THE COMMISSION PLACES AN UNUSUALLY HIGH DEMAND ON HIS TIME IN  
7 EXCESS OF HIS 1000 HOURS, WE CAN ALWAYS RE-VISIT THAT AT A  
8 FUTURE BOARD MEETING WITH A FUTURE MOTION. THE COMMISSION IS  
9 EXPECTED TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO US IN SIX MONTHS, WHICH  
10 MAY HAVE A MATERIAL IMPACT ON MR. BOBB'S SERVICES AND TIME. SO  
11 I WOULD PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT WHICH APPROVES A SIX-MONTH  
12 CONTRACT WITH MR. BOBB WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND IT ANOTHER SIX  
13 MONTHS FOR A TOTAL OF 12 MONTHS, AND A MODEST COST OF LIVING  
14 INCREASE INSTEAD OF THE LAVISH 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN BILLABLE  
15 HOURS. MR. KNABE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. I THINK THAT'S FAIR IN THE SENSE THAT WE CAN  
18 REVIEW IT IN SIX MONTHS. I'M NOT SAYING THAT I CAN'T ARGUE  
19 AGAINST THE INCREASED INCOME IF WE NEED MORE HOURS. BUT I  
20 THINK THE KEY ELEMENT IS IF YOU DO SIX MONTHS AND THEN YOU  
21 REVIEW THE NUMBER OF HOURS AND WHERE YOU'RE AT AND SEE IF YOU  
22 NEED TO ADD THE ADDITIONAL HOURS IN SIX MONTHS. I DON'T HAVE A  
23 PROBLEM DOING THAT.

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1   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU  
2   SAID.

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4   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, HE ASKED FOR A MOTION THAT WOULD BE SIX  
5   MONTHS. AND THEN AT THAT SIX MONTHS, WE'D HAVE AN IDEA WHETHER  
6   THESE ADDITIONAL HOURS WOULD BE NEEDED INSTEAD OF  
7   AUTOMATICALLY GIVING HIM THE ADDITIONAL HOURS TODAY IS ALL I'M  
8   SAYING.

9

10   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU'RE THE MAKER OF THE MOTION,  
11   I BELIEVE?

12

13   **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. AND I THINK IT'S A MODEST INCREASE. I  
14   DON'T UNDERSTAND.

15

16   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** HE HASN'T BEEN INCREASED SINCE HE  
17   FIRST GOT STARTED, WHICH WAS ALMOST 20 YEARS AGO.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S WHAT I UNDERSTOOD.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE HAD FROM 200,000 AND HE WENT UP TO 233,000  
22   THREE YEARS AGO. HE STARTED FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS AT 200,000 A  
23   YEAR FOR THE FIRST 17 YEARS. AND THE LAST THREE YEARS IT'S  
24   BEEN 233,000.

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1   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** SO WHEN YOU TAKE IT OVER THE 20 YEAR  
2   LIFETIME OF HIS WORK WITH THE COUNTY.

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4   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** \$4 MILLION.

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6   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I'M NOT LOOKING AT THAT. I'M LOOKING  
7   AT THE INCREASE, IT'S NEGLIGIBLE. THE INCREASE OVER 20 YEARS  
8   IS NEGLIGIBLE. AND I THINK THAT'S THE REASON FOR ADJUSTING  
9   THAT NOW. SUPERVISOR MOLINA LIMITED IT TO A YEAR.

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11   **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT.

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13   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** AND I THINK THAT'S REALISTIC. I WOULD  
14   HAVE ACTUALLY PREFERRED TWO YEARS, BUT OTHERS PREFERRED LESS.  
15   AS YOU INDICATED I THINK ONE YEAR IS A GOOD COMPROMISE. WE'LL  
16   SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION AND OTHER  
17   THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON WITH RESPECT TO THE SHERIFF'S  
18   DEPARTMENT. BUT, FRANKLY, I THINK ON THE WHOLE MR. BOBB HAS  
19   DONE A VERY CREDITABLE JOB. IT CAME OUT OF THE COALS  
20   COMMISSION REPORT. THIS IS ONE OF THE FEW SURVIVING ELEMENTS  
21   OF THE COALS COMMISSION REPORT THAT IS STILL ALIVE AND WELL.  
22   AND I THINK HE'S BEEN TRULY INDEPENDENT, MORE INDEPENDENT THAN  
23   ANYBODY ELSE IN THIS WORLD OF MONITORS, AND I THINK THE MOTION  
24   DESERVES TO BE APPROVED, THE ORIGINAL MOTION AS MADE BY  
25   SUPERVISOR MOLINA DESERVES TO BE APPROVED AS MADE. BETWEEN NOW



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1 AND A YEAR FROM NOW, THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF DISCUSSION  
2 ABOUT WHERE WE GO FROM HERE. THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE SIX MONTHS, THE COMMISSION THAT WE  
5 APPOINTED IS GOING TO REPORT BACK IN SIX MONTHS OR LESS, AND  
6 THEN WE COULD RE-VISIT THAT ISSUE AT THAT TIME. BUT AS I SAID,  
7 THE COMMISSION'S RECEIVING PRO BONO LEGAL ASSISTANCE FROM TOP  
8 MAJOR LAW FIRMS. IT'S NOT AS IF THEY DON'T HAVE THAT ABILITY.  
9 AND, AGAIN, THE \$100,000 INCREASE IS A SIZABLE HIT, IN MY  
10 OPINION.

11

12 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WELL THE WAY I LOOK AT IT, MIKE, TO BE  
13 VERY HONEST IS, I THINK MERRICK BOBB HAS BEEN ARTIFICIALLY  
14 HELD BACK FOR MOST OF THE 20 YEARS THAT HE'S BEEN WORKING FOR  
15 US. AND THIS IS NOT A PRO BONO JOB. YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO HIRE  
16 A PRO BONO DOCTOR TO DO YOUR LAP BAND SURGERY, WOULD YOU?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULDN'T HAVE THE SURGERY. [LAUGHTER.]

19

20 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHO ARE YOU GOING TO CALL? THAT'S  
21 RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN? MS. MOLINA?

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** FIRST OF ALL, HAVING BEEN HERE DURING THE COALS  
2   REPORT, I WAS ONE THAT WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE SKEPTIC ABOUT HOW  
3   NOT ONLY THE REPORT BUT WHETHER IT WOULD HAVE A LASTING  
4   EFFECT. ONE OF THE MOST POSITIVE ASPECTS HAS BEEN THE MERRICK  
5   BOBB REPORTS, WHICH ISN'T LIMITED TO JAIL AND CUSTODY ISSUES.  
6   HE HAS, IF YOU LOOK AT ALL OF HIS REPORTS THAT HE HAS PROVIDED  
7   THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, IT IS AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF VARIOUS  
8   SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY THE SHERIFF. AND THE DEPTH OF  
9   THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE FAIRLY SUBSTANTIVE, VERY, VERY UNIQUE  
10   AND DONE TOTALLY INDEPENDENT. WHAT HAS BEEN FASCINATING ABOUT  
11   IT ALL, TO ME, IS THE FACT THAT THE SHERIFF HAS BEEN ABLE TO  
12   WORK HAND-IN-HAND WITH MERRICK BOBB, TAKES TO HEART, FOR THE  
13   MOST PART, THE RECOMMENDATIONS. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THEM, I  
14   KNOW THAT FOR MYSELF WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT THESE ISSUES OF  
15   CUSTODY, I WENT BACK AND LOOKED AT THE MERRICK BOBB REPORTS.  
16   AND THEY WERE A WEALTH OF INFORMATION OF THINGS THAT SHOULD BE  
17   GOING ON. AND WHICH IS HOW I CAME UP WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
18   THAT WERE MADE AT THAT TIME. AND THE SHERIFF HAD AGREED TO  
19   THEM BUT UNFORTUNATELY HAD NOT PUT THEM IN PLACE. WHEN YOU  
20   LOOK ACROSS-THE-BOARD AT ANY OF THESE REPORTS, INCLUDING THE  
21   MOST RECENT ONE DONE ON CENTURY STATION, THAT YOU COULD TELL  
22   THE CALIBER AND THE QUALITY AND THE KIND OF INTEGRITY THAT  
23   THEY HAVE. AND HE REPORTS DIRECTLY TO US. HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY  
24   INTERMEDIARY WHATSOEVER. THE SHERIFF HAS GIVEN HIM THE  
25   OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT ALL ASPECTS OF THE





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1 DEPARTMENT. AND I THINK THEY PLAY A VERY VALUABLE ROLE. I  
2 THINK THEY REALLY -- AGAIN, FOR THE PRICE OF WHAT WE ARE  
3 PAYING COMPARED TO SO MANY OTHER CONSULTANTS THAT WE'VE HIRED  
4 IN THE PAST, WE ARE GETTING AN AWFUL LOT FROM THE CALIBER OF  
5 THE REPORTS THAT MERRICK BOBB HAS PUT FORTH, THE  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HE MAKES, THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE  
7 EMBRACED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO THERE'S TREMENDOUS  
8 VALUE IN SOMEONE WHO, LIKE MYSELF, WHO WAS VERY, VERY  
9 SKEPTICAL OF THE ORIGINAL COALS REPORT, BECAUSE LIKE MANY  
10 REPORTS, THEY SUGAR COAT MANY OF THESE THINGS AND LATER ON  
11 THERE'S A VERY THIN LINE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED  
12 IN INVESTIGATING AND THOSE THAT ARE ACTUALLY CARRYING OUT THE  
13 WORK. MERRICK BOBB HAS MAINTAINED UTMOST OF INTEGRITY AND  
14 INDEPENDENCE THROUGHOUT IT AND YET HAS MAINTAINED A VERY SOLID  
15 RELATIONSHIP NOT ONLY WITH THE SHERIFF, WITH US, AS WELL. I  
16 DON'T AGREE WITH EVERYTHING HE SAYS AND HOW HE DOES IT. AND  
17 I'VE HAD DEBATES WITH HIM ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES,  
18 PARTICULARLY HOW THEY'RE PRESENTED; BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY,  
19 THE QUALITY OF THOSE REPORTS ARE INVALUABLE FOR THIS COUNTY.  
20 AND I THINK THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW THROUGH AND MAKE SURE THAT  
21 WE CONTINUE. WE DON'T KNOW IN A YEAR FROM NOW WHAT THE  
22 COMMISSION WILL SAY. BUT AGAIN THE COMMISSION, AS I UNDERSTAND  
23 NOW, IS PRETTY MUCH LIMITED TO CUSTODY ISSUES. SO WE HAVE TO  
24 KEEP IN MIND THAT MERRICK BOBB'S REPORTS GO FAR BEYOND THAT.  
25 AND WE HAVE HAD A LOT OF PEACE COMPARED TO WHEN I FIRST



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1     STARTED IN 1991 AND THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF AND THE  
2     COMMUNITY. AND A LOT OF IT HAS COME FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
3     THAT MERRICK BOBB HAS MADE.

4

5     **SUP. KNABE:** I DON'T THINK ANYONE IS ARGUING ABOUT HIS QUALITY  
6     OF WORK BECAUSE I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. I THINK IT'S THE  
7     ISSUE NOW IS WHETHER YOU WANT TO ISSUE HIM 500 EXTRA HOURS  
8     RIGHT NOW. I THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE.

9

10    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY.

11

12    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MOVE THE AMENDMENT. MAKE IT SIX MONTHS AND  
13    INCREASE THE COST OF LIVING INCREASE.

14

15    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** LET'S CALL THE ROLL ON THAT AMENDMENT.

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17    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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19    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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21    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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23    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** HE'S WUSSING OUT FOR THE TIME BEING.  
24    SO KEEP CALLING.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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11 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** NO.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION FAILS TO CARRY.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ARE YOU GOING TO CAST A VOTE HERE?

16 ARE YOU ABSTAINING? HE'S ABSTAINING.

17

18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. MOTION FAILS TO CARRY.

19

20 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THE DOCTOR OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES, HE'S

21 AN AGNOSTIC TOO. SO BREAKING NEWS. ALL RIGHT. CALL THE ROLL ON

22 THE MAIN MOTION.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MAIN MOTION. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

25



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1     **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

2

3     **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR KNABE?  
4     [OFF MIC.] SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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6     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

7

8     **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

9

10    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YES.

11

12    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MOTION FAILS TO CARRY.

13

14    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** IT PASSES. RIDLEY-THOMAS ACTUALLY SAID  
15    AYE. I THINK HE WAS ABOUT TO SAY "I HAVE A HEADACHE" BUT WE  
16    READ IT AS AN AYE. [LAUGHTER.]

17

18    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SO MOTION CARRIES.

19

20    **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT IS APPROVED. NEXT ITEM.  
21    DO WE HAVE ANYTHING ELSE YOU'RE HOLDING?

22

23    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST ON ITEM 13. ON ITEM 13, I WOULD VOTE YES  
24    ON ALL THE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE  
25    RELATED TO THE HEALTHCARE REFORM. AND FOR THE RECORD THAT I



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1 DON'T SUPPORT ADVOCACY EFFORTS FOR FUNDING THAT REQUIRE  
2 RESULTS OF NEW TAXES. AND ALL THE OTHER ITEMS I WOULD SUPPORT.  
3 THERE IS A FEW, THE TITLE PAGE. THERE'S LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS.  
4 THERE ARE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** WHICH ONES? I MEAN I WOULD CONCUR WITH THAT. BUT  
7 I'M JUST SAYING, I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING IN IT. BIFURCATE IT  
8 THEN.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. BECAUSE ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR  
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE, SO THE PORTIONS --

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** HE'S ABSTAINING ON THE ENTIRE VOTE?

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HE IS. AT LEAST THAT WAS -- HE IS  
16 ABSTAINING ON THE ENTIRE VOTE. SO THE PORTIONS THAT RELATED TO  
17 WHAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH JUST READ IN WILL FAIL TO CARRY.  
18 THE REMAINING ITEMS? BEFORE YOUR BOARD?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THERE'S NOTHING IN OUR  
21 AGENDA WHERE WE WOULD TAKE A POSITION TO RAISE TAXES.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW THAT. THAT'S WHY I JUST FOR THE RECORD  
24 I'M SAYING THAT. BECAUSE LAST TIME PEOPLE WERE ADVOCATING A  
25 POSITION IN WASHINGTON THAT INCLUDED A TAX INCREASE BECAUSE WE



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1 HAD PROPOSED SUPPORT ANOTHER PROPOSAL THAT THEY DIDN'T, BUT  
2 THEY TOOK THAT AS THE POSITION THAT WE WERE FOR IT. AND IT WAS  
3 NOT CORRECT.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE CLARIFIED SAYING THAT UP FRONT, YES, SIR.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THERE'S NOTHING SPECIFIC IN IT. BUT I CONCUR  
8 WITH THAT RECOMMENDATION. MAKE SURE YOU DON'T COME BACK AND  
9 SAY WE SUPPORTED THAT.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND WE AGREE WITH THAT. SO THERE IS NOTHING IN  
12 THE AGENDA WHERE WE'RE ASKING THE THE AUTHORITY TO ADVOCATE TO  
13 RAISE TAXES. THERE'S NOTHING ABSOLUTELY WHATSOEVER IN THERE.  
14 SO WE CONCUR WITH BOTH. THERE'S NOTHING IN OUR AGENDA.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** ANYTHING RELATED TO THAT, THEN WOULD COME BACK  
17 THIS WAY, CORRECT?

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, SIR.

20

21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WITH MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINING, IS  
22 THERE ANY OBJECTION OTHERWISE?

23



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CAN I JUST ASK ON THE HEALTHCARE PORTION  
2 THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IF WE HAVE THE VOTES FOR THAT  
3 ITEM.

4  
5 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M OKAY.

6  
7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT WILL CARRY.

8  
9 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IT WILL BE 4-0 ON  
10 EVERYTHING BUT THE HEALTH REFORM.

11  
12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

13  
14 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR  
15 MOLINA, YOU'RE NEXT.

16  
17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHE WAS NOT HOLDING ANY ITEM.

18  
19 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M NOT HOLDING ANY ITEM, THERE WAS ONE.

20  
21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO. IT WAS ITEM NO. 2.

22  
23 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WE TOOK CARE OF IT.

24  
25 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEN THAT'S ALL I HAD.





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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?  
3 ARE YOU HOLDING ANYTHING?

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NO. 31?

6

7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** 31?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES. ITEM NO. 31, MAY I SIMPLY REQUEST  
10 THAT WE BIFURCATE THE MATTER PERTAINING TO THE GOLF COURSES IN  
11 THE SECOND DISTRICT AND CONTINUE THOSE TILL SEPTEMBER --  
12 JANUARY 10?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE'S ONE SUCH GOLF  
15 COURSE, CORRECT? CHESTER WASHINGTON AND MAGGIE HATHAWAY GOLF  
16 COURSES, TWO OF THEM. ALL RIGHT. ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT  
17 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE PUT OVER. THAT ONE, THOSE TWO GOLF  
18 COURSES WILL BE PUT OVER UNTIL JANUARY 10. THE REMAINDER ARE  
19 BEFORE US.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINDER. AND ON THE REMAINING ITEMS,  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL ABSTAIN ON THOSE ITEMS. AND SO  
23 THEY ARE BEFORE THE BOARD.

24



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1 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY MOLINA  
2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, WITH RIDLEY-THOMAS ABSTAINING, 4-0 WITH ONE  
3 ABSTENTION.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. AND THEN THE LAST ITEM WE HAVE  
6 IS ITEM NO. 45. AND WE HAVE SPEAKERS ON THIS.

7

8 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WANT  
9 TO BE HEARD ON THIS WHO SIGNED UP. EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE  
10 MINUTE. I WILL CALL FOUR PEOPLE UP AT FIRST. BARBARA ALCORN,  
11 LINDA BURROLA, LETICIA CERVANTEZ, YOLANDA LAWRENCE. OKAY. MS.  
12 ALCORN?

13

14 **BARBARA ALCORN:** YES.

15

16 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOU'RE UP.

17

18 **BARBARA ALCORN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE, MY NAME IS BARBARA  
19 ALCORN. I AM CURRENTLY WORKING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
20 PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR 26 YEARS. I STARTED MY CAREER AS AN  
21 INTERMEDIATE TYPIST CLERK AND TODAY I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF MY  
22 COLLEAGUES AND OTHER CLERICAL SUPPORT STAFF IN THE PROBATION  
23 DEPARTMENT OPPOSING THE HIRING OF 28 CONTRACT CLERKS FOR THE  
24 A.B.109. FULL-TIME PERMANENT CLERICAL STAFF PROVIDE A HIGH  
25 QUALITY WORK AND DEDICATION TO THE COUNTY AND COMMUNITY.



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1 A.B.109 CREATES LONG-TERM NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL CLERICAL STAFF  
2 AND WILL CONTINUE TO REQUIRE MORE CLERICAL STAFF. THESE  
3 CLERICAL STAFF WILL HANDLE CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS  
4 THAT ARE IMPORTANT IN MAKING SURE PAROLEES ARE MEETING THEIR  
5 REENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND SHOULD BE HANDLED BY CLERICAL STAFF  
6 THAT HAVE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF EXPERIENCE AND ARE THOROUGHLY  
7 VETTED THROUGH THE CIVIL SERVICE PROCESS. NEW CLERICAL WORKERS  
8 SHOULD BE HIRED AS FULL-TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEES SO THEY HAVE  
9 THE OPPORTUNITY, SUCH AS MYSELF, TO FURTHER THEIR CAREER WITH  
10 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE PRIDE AND HONOR OF WORKING FOR  
11 THE COMMUNITY.

12

13 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

14

15 **BARBARA ALCORN:** AGAIN, ON MY BEHALF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE ARE  
16 ASKING THAT THE BOARD RECONSIDER HIRING CONTRACT STAFF, 28  
17 POSITIONS FOR THE A.B.109 AND HIRE FULL-TIME PERMANENT  
18 EMPLOYEES.

19

20 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LINDA BURROLA.

21

22 **LINDA BURROLA:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS LINDA BURROLA. I STARTED  
23 MY CAREER 34 YEARS AGO HERE IN THIS BUILDING AT THE CIVIL  
24 SERVICE COMMISSION. I WANT TO ADDRESS THE QUALITY OF SKILLS  
25 THAT THE PERMANENT STAFF HAVE OVER THE CONTRACT EMPLOYEES. I



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1 DON'T BELIEVE THAT APPLE 1 SUFFICIENCY CAN TRAIN THE CLERICAL  
2 POSITIONS AND EDUCATE THEM ON HOW OUR PAROLEES THINK, HOW OUR  
3 SYSTEM WORKS, HOW COURT REPORT WRITING IS EXTENDED. I DON'T  
4 BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE PROBLEM-SOLVING SKILLS THAT IT TAKES TO  
5 WORK WITH THIS A.B.109 PROGRAM. AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT  
6 IN THE FIELD, THE CLERICAL STAFF, THEY DO INTERVIEWING, THEY  
7 TRANSLATE LANGUAGES, AND AS A TEAM OF CLERICAL SUPPORT,  
8 THEY'RE ABLE TO DETERMINE THE PAPERWORK, IF THERE'S ANY  
9 ERRORS. AND SINCE WE ARE, OUR MAIN CONCERN IS PROTECTING THE  
10 COMMUNITY, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE KNOW THEIR MAILING  
11 ADDRESS, THEIR FAMILY SITUATION.

12

13 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS UP.

14

15 **LINDA BURROLA:** THANK YOU SIR.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YOU'RE WELCOME. YOLANDA LAWRENCE.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** SHE IS GONE.

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21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** GONE. RALPH MILLER? I DON'T SEE RALPH  
22 HERE. IS HE? SO THIN I DIDN'T SEE HIM. HOW ARE YOU DOING,  
23 RALPH? GOOD. WHAT IS YOUR NAME, SIR?

24

25 **MIKE GOMEZ:** MY NAME?



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YES.

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4 **MIKE GOMEZ:** MY NAME IS MIKE GOMEZ.

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6 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. I HAVE YOU LATER. SO YOU'LL BE  
7 RIGHT AFTER -- IS JAMES HARRIS HERE? OKAY. AND THEN RALPH,  
8 YOU'RE UP AND THEN MR. GOMEZ. AND ANDREA GORDON, IS SHE HERE?  
9 WHY DON'T YOU COME UP HERE. GO AHEAD, RALPH.

10

11 **RALPH MILLER:** OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I WANT TO START  
12 BY CONGRATULATING YOU, YOUR NEW ASSUMPTION OF MAYOR. AND ALSO  
13 BY THANKING YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR YOUR SERVICE AND  
14 PARTICULARLY YOUR STANCE ON RE-ALIGNMENT. I ALSO WANT TO  
15 WELCOME OUR NEW CHIEF AND OFFER HIM CONGRATULATIONS AND MY  
16 CONDOLENCES, MOST SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND SAY WELCOME TO THE  
17 COUNTY OF L.A. AND TODAY'S PREVIEW OF COMING ATTRACTIONS.  
18 WE'RE HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE CLERICAL STAFF. WE BELIEVE THAT  
19 THESE POSITIONS SHOULD BE PERMANENT. THEY'RE AN INTRICATE PART  
20 OF WHAT WE DO AS PEACE OFFICERS, THEY DESERVE THE OPPORTUNITY  
21 AND THE CHANCE TO SUCCEED AND THE SECURITY OF BEING PERMANENT.  
22 I THINK THAT YOU CAN SEE THAT THE RE-ALIGNMENT PROGRAM WAS  
23 PROBLEMATIC ENOUGH. IT DOES NOT NEED THE INSTABILITY OF NOT  
24 HAVING PERMANENT PEOPLE THERE AND WELL-TRAINED. WE URGE YOU TO  
25 RECONSIDER THIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, RALPH. JAMES HARRIS IS NOT  
3 HERE, RIGHT?

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5 **SPEAKER:** GONE.

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7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** GONE. MIKE GOMEZ.

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9 **MIKE GOMEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND GOOD AFTERNOON,  
10 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MIKE GOMEZ. I'M A COUNTY, LOS ANGELES  
11 COUNTY EMPLOYEE WITH THE CLERICAL SUPPORT STAFF. I'M HERE TO  
12 RECOMMEND TO THE SUPERVISORS THAT THEY VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL  
13 OF THIS TO HIRE PERMANENT CLERICAL WORKERS FOR OUR DEPARTMENT.  
14 WE ARE DEALING WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE COMING OUT FROM STATE  
15 PRISON. THIS ACCURATE INFORMATION NEEDS TO BE INPUT INTO THE  
16 COMPUTERS, DOCUMENTED. AND IT REQUIRES PEOPLE WITH COMMITMENT,  
17 WITH SAFETY CONCERNS TO REALLY DOCUMENT THIS INFORMATION THAT  
18 GOES INTO THE DATABASE. SO MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE  
19 COUNTY HIRE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES TO DO THE WORK THAT'S REQUIRED  
20 VERY ACCURATELY. THANK YOU.

21

22 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND ANDREA GORDON.

23

24 **ANDREA GORDON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ANDREA  
25 GORDON. I REPRESENT THE MANAGERS IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT.



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1 I STARTED MY CAREER AS A CLERK IN THIS COUNTY MANY, MANY YEARS  
2 AGO, I DON'T WANT TO SAY HOW MANY. BUT I CAN TELL YOU IN THE  
3 PROBATION DEPARTMENT WE HAVE MULTIPLE COMPUTER SYSTEMS. CLERKS  
4 ARE READING LEGAL DOCUMENTS. THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE TO INTERPRET  
5 AND INPUT THE INFORMATION CORRECTLY, WORK WITH OTHERS  
6 THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT WHEN YOU'RE  
7 DEALING WITH A TEMPORARY CLERK WHO'S THERE FOR A LIMITED  
8 PERIOD OF TIME, YOU'RE IN A CONSTANT STATE OF TRAINING. WHILE  
9 I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WAS SOME CONSIDERATION GIVEN AS TO  
10 COST, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT HIRING TEMP EMPLOYEES WILL RESULT  
11 IN ANY SAVINGS, NOT IN THE LONG RUN OVERALL BECAUSE OF THE  
12 REPEATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND THE LACK OF LONG-TERM  
13 AVAILABILITY OF THESE STAFF. THANK YOU.

14

15 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT ENDS THE PUBLIC  
16 COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? PARDON? NO, I  
17 THINK YOU SPOKE. DID YOU SPEAK?

18

19 **LETICIA CERVANTEZ:** I DID NOT.

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21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

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23 **LETICIA CERVANTEZ:** LETICIA CERVANTES.

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25 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** DID I CALL YOUR NAME.





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2 **LETICIA CERVANTEZ:** YOU DID, SIR.

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4 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** I MUST HAVE GOTTEN RID OF YOURS.

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6 **LETICIA CERVANTEZ:** IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. YOU'RE FORGIVEN.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** LETICIA, YOU'RE ON.

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10 **LETICIA CERVANTEZ:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO SAY GOOD  
11 AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND WISHING EVERYONE A  
12 HAPPY HOLIDAYS. MY NAME IS LETICIA CERVANTEZ AND I'M A  
13 SUPERVISING TYPIST CLERK FOR THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, I HAVE  
14 BEEN FOR 13 YEARS. I AM HERE TO STRONGLY HAVE YOU GUYS  
15 CONSIDER PLEASE FOR ALL FUTURE HIRING IN THE CLERICAL  
16 CLASSIFICATION THAT NEEDS TO HAVE FULL-TIME PERMANENT. LET ME  
17 UNDERLINE THAT, BOLD LETTERS, PERMANENT EMPLOYEES. I'M HERE TO  
18 HAND OVER SIGNED PETITIONS, 256-SIGNATURES, PETITIONS TO YOU IN  
19 HOPES THAT YOU WILL RECONSIDER THAT DECISION. THANK YOU.

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21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ANY DISCUSSION  
22 ON THE ITEM? IS THERE A MOTION? IT'S MOVED. SECONDED BY KNABE.  
23 ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. PUBLIC  
24 COMMENT? IN THE INTEREST OF MANAGING OUR SCHEDULE HERE, WE'RE  
25 GOING TO ALLOT ONE MINUTE PER PERSON ON PUBLIC COMMENT. I'M



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1 GOING TO CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. DAVID ROSE, HARRIET  
2 ELLIOTT, BOBBY COOPER, AND DANIEL GARCIA. WHAT IS YOUR NAME,  
3 SIR?

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5 **DAVID ROSE:** DAVID ROSE.

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7 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** DAVID ROSE. YEAH. AND, MA'AM, WHAT IS  
8 YOUR NAME?

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10 **HARRIET ELLIOTT:** MY NAME IS HARRIET ELLIOTT.

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12 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** HARRIET ELLIOT. SO BOBBY COOPER IS NOT  
13 HERE, CORRECT? ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. MR. ROSE?

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15 **DAVID ROSE:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I HAVE TWO  
16 ITEMS HERE. THE ITEM I WANT TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD OF  
17 SUPERVISORS A PROPOSAL FOR A FUTURE SITE FOR THE CHARTER OAK  
18 LIBRARY. BY THE WAY MY NAME IS DAVID ROSE. I LIVE IN THE  
19 CHARTER OAK COMMUNITY. MY THREE CHILDREN ATTEND CHARTER OAK  
20 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. ANYWAY, I'D LIKE TO HAND THIS OVER TO  
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, MY REPRESENTATIVE. I APPRECIATE YOUR  
22 SERVICES. ONE ISSUE I HAVE REGARDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES  
23 COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY PUBLIC INTEGRITY DIVISION, I HAVE  
24 FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST THE CHARTER OAK UNIFIED SCHOOL  
25 DISTRICT FOR NOT DISCLOSING ON THE AGENDA WITHIN 72 HOURS



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1 POSTING, I GOT THAT FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYING THAT  
2 HE'S WORKING ON IT. THEN AT A SECOND MEETING A MONTH LATER THE  
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT DID NOT POST THE AGENDA AGAIN FOR THE SECOND  
4 TIME. I ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THEIR PUBLIC SAFETY  
5 DIVISION. AND HE SENT ME BACK THE INFORMATION SAYING THAT HE'S  
6 WORKING ON IT. HE'S TELLING THE DISTRICT TO COMPLY WITH THE  
7 LAW BY POSTING THE AGENDA 72 HOURS BEFORE A PUBLIC MEETING.  
8 I'M NOT SATISFIED WITH THIS ANSWER. ALL I WANT FROM THE PUBLIC  
9 SAFETY DIVISION IS A LETTER STATING THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
10 IS IN VIOLATION OF BROWN ACT. THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO ME  
11 TO TRACK WHAT MY SCHOOL DISTRICT IS DOING, ESPECIALLY WITH THE  
12 \$45 MILLION BUDGET IN OUR SCHOOL SITES. I'D APPRECIATE IF YOU  
13 COULD FOLLOW-UP ON THAT FOR ME, PLEASE, BECAUSE THIS IS  
14 SOMETHING THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR ME TO KEEP TRACK OF WHAT OUR  
15 SCHOOL BOARD IS DOING.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. ROSE, THANK YOU. HARRIET  
18 ELLIOTT?

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20 **HARRIET ELLIOTT:** CAN YOU HAND THESE OUT TO EVERYBODY? THANKS.  
21 I DON'T HAVE A PEN. OH, HERE'S THAT ONE. OKAY, SORRY. START?

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23 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY. YES, GO AHEAD, HARRIET.

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1 **HARRIET ELLIOTT:** I CAME TO YOU MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AGO TO  
2 TALK ABOUT THE BOOK "TERRORISTS STALKING IN AMERICA" WRITTEN  
3 BY A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR WHO WAS SCANNING A RADIO AND FOUND  
4 VERY, VERY EXTREMIST CONSERVATIVE PEOPLE WHO WERE GOING ABOVE  
5 AND BEYOND THE LAW AND DOING ILLEGAL THINGS TO SOCIAL  
6 ACTIVISTS LIKE MYSELF. I HOPE -- THE FIRST PAGE IS ABOUT THE  
7 BOOK, "ORGANIZED STALKING." THE SECOND PAGE IS FOUR DIFFERENT  
8 PAGES OF THE BOOK. YOU CAN ORDER IT ONLINE OR YOU CAN READ  
9 EXCERPTS FROM IT ON THIS WOMAN'S WEBSITE "RAVEN1.NET." THIS  
10 WOMAN IS A VICTIM OF STALKING FOR 25 YEARS, I'M A VICTIM FOR  
11 12 YEARS. ROBERT DUNCAN SAYS THAT IF YOU ARE TARGETED BY THE  
12 C.I.A., YOUR AVERAGE IS 12 YEARS LIFE AFTER YOU'RE TARGETED.  
13 SO I'M BEATING THE ODDS. SHE, THIS WOMAN, IS A CONSERVATIVE.

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15 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** CAN I ASK YOU TO WRAP IT UP? BECAUSE  
16 YOUR TIME IS UP. I'M ASKING YOU TO WRAP IT UP BECAUSE YOUR  
17 TIME IS UP.

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19 **HARRIET ELLIOTT:** OKAY. CHRIS HEDGES SAID THAT MANY SOCIAL  
20 ACTIVISTS ARE KILLED AND THE LEADERS DO NOT KNOW THAT THIS IS  
21 HAPPENING. I BELIEVE THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE THEY'VE INVITED  
22 TOO MANY LIBERTARIANS IN THEIR GROUP JUST LIKE THAT WOMAN  
23 ELEANOR.

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1   **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MR. GARCIA? AND  
2   BEFORE YOU START, MR. GARCIA, LET ME ASK GEORGE RHEAULT, DAVID  
3   SERRANO, WALTER BECKTEL. OKAY, MR. GARCIA?

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5   **DAVID GARCIA:** I WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
6   ENFORCE THE LAW TO THE HOUSING SITUATION THAT YOU GUYS, THAT  
7   THE BOARD IS INVESTIGATING ON THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IF  
8   ANYTHING FOR THAT BECAUSE THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN NOT  
9   REALLY GOOD IN APPLYING THE A.D.A. AND ENFORCING THE A.D.A.  
10  ANOTHER TOPIC I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IS I NEED HELP TO MOST OF  
11  THE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN MY COMMUNITY TO VOTE. AND I'M  
12  ASKING HERE YOUR HELP ON THE P.S.A. AND I WANT TO KNOW IF I  
13  COULD BE HELPED BY A P.S.A. PROMOTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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15  **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. RHEAULT?

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17  **GEORGE RHEAULT:** THAT'S PRONOUNCED ROW. WON'T HOLD IT AGAINST  
18  YOU. MY NAME IS GEORGE RHEAULT. I WAS HOPING TO SPEAK ON  
19  AGENDA ITEM 55-B REGARDING THE MINUTIA OF BUSINESS CARDS AT  
20  D.C.F.S., BUT I GUESS I MISSED MY OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT WHEN  
21  THAT ITEM WAS HELD. BUT THE REASON I WANTED TO MAKE A  
22  STATEMENT NOW IS I WAS JUST APPALLED AT THE ATTACK ON THE LAP  
23  BAND GENTLEMAN. HE WAS SORT OF OUT OF CENTRAL CASTING FOR THE  
24  SLEAZY, SKETCHY, MARKETING GUY. BUT FOUR TO FIVE PEOPLE HAVE  
25  DIED FROM COMPLICATIONS OF THIS SURGERY IN THE LAST COUPLE



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1 YEARS. BUT THE COUNTY HAS OVERSEEN A BROKEN CHILD CUSTODY  
2 SITUATION WHERE OVER 70 CHILDREN HAVE DIED SINCE 2008. AND  
3 ACTUALLY THIS COUNTY HAS BEEN STONE WALLING STATE RECORDS  
4 REQUESTS ABOUT THOSE CHILDREN'S DEATHS. BUT YET YOU WERE  
5 ATTACKING THE LAP BAND GUY FOR BEING EVASIVE. AND I JUST THINK  
6 THAT WAS THE HEIGHT OF HYPOCRISY AND HOPE YOU REFLECT OVER  
7 THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON ABOUT THE CHILDREN THAT ARE NOT WITH US  
8 BECAUSE OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF THIS COUNTY.

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10 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT IS DAVID  
11 SERRANO?

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13 **DAVID SERRANO:** THE LORD OUR GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND  
14 THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN. THE LORD,  
15 JESUS CHRIST, IS THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN.  
16 THE CHRISTIAN GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE BY WAY OF WHAT WE CALL  
17 THE BIG BANG THEORY BUT ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE INFLATION THEORY.  
18 INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, WE LOOK AT THIS EXPANDING UNIVERSE AND  
19 WE SAY WOW, IT'S SO BIG, BUT, YOU KNOW, AT ONE TIME IN THE  
20 BEGINNING THE UNIVERSE WAS ONLY A FEW MILLIMETERS ACROSS.  
21 REMEMBER THAT, HOW TEENY TINY IT WAS. JESUS CHRIST IS GOD. HE  
22 LOVES YOU. HE CARES ABOUT YOU. HE IS OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. THIS  
23 WORLD IS A FALLEN WORLD. WE ARE ALL UNDER THE CURSE OF SIN,  
24 WHICH IS DEATH. THE ONLY WAY TO LIFE IS BY BELIEVING IN JESUS  
25 CHRIST. JESUS CHRIST DIED IN OUR PLACE FOR OUR SINS AND ON THE



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1 THIRD DAY HE RESURRECTED, AMEN. THE CHRISTIAN GOD IS THE ONE  
2 AND ONLY TRUE LIVING GOD, AMEN.

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4 **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT IS WALTER BECKTEL?  
5 BEFORE YOU START, WALTER, LET ME JUST INVITE DOWN JERNITA  
6 GREENIDGE? IS SHE HERE? EDDIE JONES? MR. JONES HERE? JOHN  
7 WALSH? ERIC PREVEN? AND ARNOLD SACHS. OKAY, MR. BECKTEL,  
8 YOU'RE ON.

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10 **WALTER BECKTEL:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS WALTER BECKTEL. I  
11 JUST WANTED TO REITERATE SOME INFORMATION AS I UNDERSTAND IT.  
12 SOCIAL SECURITY, THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO ELIMINATE SOCIAL  
13 SECURITY TAXES. I DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE  
14 THESE PEOPLE DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING THAT THESE LITTLE  
15 OLD LADIES AND GRANDFATHERS AND DISABLED PEOPLE CAN DO. I BEG  
16 TO DIFFER WITH YOU ABOUT THAT. I THINK THERE IS SOMETHING  
17 GOING TO HAPPEN. IF YOU CUT THEIR SOCIAL SECURITY ANY MORE  
18 THAN WHAT WE'VE BEEN CUT ALREADY, THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT  
19 THEY'RE GOING TO DO. THEY'RE GOING TO TEAR UP THE PHOTOS  
20 YOU'VE BEEN WAITING TO RECEIVE. THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE THAT  
21 HEIRLOOM AND THEY'RE GOING TO SMASH IT. THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE  
22 THE DOCUMENT THAT YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS AND IT'S SOME TRUST DEED  
23 OR SOMETHING, BUT YOU DON'T THINK SHE KNOWS WHAT IT IS, AND  
24 SHE'S GOING TO TEAR IT UP. I THINK YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE  
25 ALLOWING HIM OR HER TO TAKE THE MAP TO THE GOLD MINE OR





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1   WHATEVER IT IS AND THROW IT IN THE TRASH OR THE 10 EARLY  
2   SHARES OF CLEVELAND INDIAN STOCK AND THROW IT AWAY. THAT'S A  
3   BIG MISTAKE TO DO THAT.

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5   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME'S UP. MR. WALSH?

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7   **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.  
8   THIS IS OUR WEBSITE RIGHT HERE. CHECK IT OUT. GET 100,000 A  
9   MONTH. GOOGLE WALSH CONFIDENTIAL. YES, 70 DEAD CHILDREN IN  
10   YOUR CARE IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS. YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT QUITE AT  
11   THE HOLOCAUST LEVEL, BUT IT'S NOTHING TO SNEEZE AT. MAYOR ZEV,  
12   WELL BE CAREFUL, BE ASSURED THAT YOU WILL NEVER BE MAYOR OF  
13   THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. NOT WITH THE 70 DEAD CHILDREN. AND  
14   WE'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THE RESTROOMS HERE, IT'S DIFFERENT FROM  
15   THE CITY. IF YOU COME IN HERE FOR THE FOUR-HOUR MEETING AND  
16   YOU HAVE TO USE THE RESTROOM, WHEN YOU GO OUT, YOU HAVE TO GO  
17   THROUGH THE METAL DETECTOR AGAIN. THIS IS SEXIST BECAUSE WOMEN  
18   HAVE TO GO TO THE RESTROOM MORE OFTEN THAN MEN BECAUSE OF THE  
19   STRUCTURE OF THE BLADDER. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. WE LIKE TO  
20   POINT OUT THAT EVERYTHING BEFORE THE COUNTY, COME HERE. NO  
21   MAYOR ZEV.

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23   **ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. TIME'S UP.

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25   **JOHN WALSH:** BOY, THAT WAS FAST.



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2 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** YEAH, IT WAS, VERY FAST.

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4 **JOHN WALSH:** GOT TO GO TO THE BATHROOM. MR. PREVEN HERE? ARNOLD  
5 SACHS.

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** MR. MANAGER. BOY, MARKETING, DANGEROUS OR  
8 MISLEADING, TRUTHFUL ADVERTISEMENT, OVERSIGHT, BIZARRE,  
9 UNCONNECTED, AN ENTITY IN SPACE, ACCURATE AND TRUTHFUL, HOLY  
10 COW. MY EARS ARE BURNING. ALL THAT VERBIAGE, TO PARAPHRASE  
11 THAT ROCK SONG "WHO LET THE YAP DOGS OUT." I MEAN EVERYBODY  
12 LAUGHED, BUT LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, TA-  
13 DA! HEY, IT'S 2011 THE LAST MEETING I'M GOING TO GET IT IN. I  
14 READ A LETTER, MODIFIED STATE LAW. HOW THE HELL DID THAT  
15 HAPPEN? YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THESE GUYS ARE DOING? THE  
16 GUY WAS WRONG WHO SAT HERE AND SET IT WAS THE HEIGHT OF  
17 HYPOCRISY. IT'S THE DEPTH OF HYPOCRISY THAT YOU SINK TO, NOT  
18 THE HEIGHTS THAT YOU RAISE. BY THE WAY, LAST ONE OUT SHUT THE  
19 LIGHTS OFF.

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21 **ZEY YAROSLAVSKY, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. TIME'S UP. WILL YOU READ US  
22 INTO CLOSED SESSION?

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
25 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL



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1 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1 AND CS-3,  
2 CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION,  
3 AND ITEM NO. CS-6, DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS  
4 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE  
5 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED  
6 FOR JANUARY 10, 2012.

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1       **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION DECEMBER 20, 2011**

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5       CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6       (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Ramon

7       Munoz v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior

8       Court Case No. VC058 234.

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10      This case arises out of allegations of civil rights violations  
11      of the Sheriff s Department. (11-5352)

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13      The Board approved settlement of the matter titled Ramon Munoz  
14      v. County of Los Angeles, et al. The details of the settlement  
15      will be made available once finalized by all parties.

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17      The vote of the Board was unanimous with all Supervisors being  
18      present.

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20      No reportable action was taken on items CS-2, CS-3 or CS-6.

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22      In Open Session, items CS-4 and CS-5 were continued to January  
23      17, 2012.

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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do  
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10 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by  
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12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
13 related to any party to the said action; nor  
14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
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